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ADRA appeal moves to Knocktober

Wahroonga, New South Wales

For the first time Adventists across Australia will be knocking on doors at the same time for the annual ADRA Appeal, which is moving to October—or “Knocktober”.

“The common time across the country isn’t just about being able to use a catchy name, it will make the whole program more effective—from resource distribution to advertising and community engagement,” ADRA Australia CEO Mark Webster said.

“But we’re also encouraging people to think about more than just knocking on doors: it’s a month to have fun, connect and make a difference.”

With ADRA’s backing church groups across the country are set to be shaking cans in shopping centres, running car boot sales and other public fundraisers in a move that will see Knocktober become a nationally recognised, month-long event.

“While doorknocking remains an effective way of raising funds—and, as a Church, connecting with the community—collecting in public places like shopping centres, holding community

events and other creative approaches can make a huge difference to the communities ADRA works with at home and overseas,” Mr Webster said.

Last year more than \$1 million was raised and these funds have allowed ADRA Australia to implement projects including new refugee settlement and community meals programs in South Australia, mentoring and education support for young people in Sydney’s Macquarie Fields and Redfern, and access to improved food and water sources for communities in Vietnam and Cambodia.

“If every Adventist in Australia raises just \$A40 we can impact an additional 13,000 people,” Mr Webster said. “This year’s ADRA Appeal funds will help provide the basic necessities, such as education and training, for communities across Australia and around the globe.”

Future initiatives include a smartphone app to track street collections and donations across the country, videos to play on demand on the doorstep and an online tool that will



ADRA appeal volunteers.

see fundraising go viral across social media.

This year, resources for local ADRA Appeal coordinators are due to be available in August in preparation for the October collection.—*Braden Blyde*

For more information about the ADRA Appeal visit <www.adra.org.au>, call 1800 242 372 or get in contact with the director of ADRA Services in your local conference. Follow #knocktober on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for more news and live updates.

Lilydale and Edinburgh set to merge

Lilydale, Victoria

Lilydale Adventist Academy (LAA) will be under new management by January next year.

Ownership and administration of the school will be transferred from the Australian Union Conference to Adventist Schools Victoria (ASV).

The decision will unite LAA and Edinburgh Adventist Primary School under the Victorian Conference. The schools are currently located on the same grounds.

“This is an exciting step forward for the two schools as it brings together resources, facilities and staff under one school system,” ASV director Brian Mercer said.

One of the next steps is to select a name that brings the schools together as a new entity without taking away any of the traditional aspects of either school.

Principals Dr Malcolm Coulson, from LAA, and Tim Borgas, from Edinburgh Adventist Primary School, are thrilled with the decision to amalgamate.

“Since Tim and I both took up our respective positions at these schools this year, we have been working in collaboration to build relationships across campuses,” Dr

Coulson said.

“This formalised step, however, allows for streamlined processes to be implemented for the benefit of our staff and students.”

LAA has been operating since 1964 and was formerly a boarding school. The boarding program closed in 2007. The Academy will celebrate its 50th anniversary on May 3–4, 2014.

Edinburgh Adventist Primary School opened its doors in 2000 and added an early learning centre in 2006.—*ASV/RECORD staff*



Lilydale Adventist Academy.



Going old school

James Standish

If traffic is flowing on the freeway, it only takes a little over an hour to drive south from Los Angeles airport to San Clemente. It's worth the drive. San Clemente feels very much like a '60s surf town ripped straight out of a Beach Boys song. It isn't so much that time has passed it by, but that it has come into modernity maintaining its modest scale and original charm. On a sunny day, the Pacific Ocean sparkles a beautiful azure blue and "those bushy blonde hairdos" are, indeed, "surfin' USA".

Recently an old friend and I sat framed by a large Spanish arch in a restaurant on San Clemente's Avenida Del Mar. We spent a very lazy and enjoyable couple of hours catching up on where life has taken us so far. We talked about our professional lives, stories of what our mutual friends were up to, our hopes, dreams, fears, tragedies, triumphs and, of course, our children.

I wonder what our younger selves would have made of us sitting there so enthralled by a child-centric conversation. After all, prior to children, I fondly quoted the lyric, "Been around the world and found that only stupid people are breeding", with a chuckle to anyone asking about my plans for kids. Life has a way of making fools of all of us, and when it comes to children, there's no bigger fool than me.

"You know," my friend said thoughtfully, "I don't think we appreciate what we had when we were kids." "What do you mean?" I replied. "You know, the church school thing." "What about it?" "Well, there's no church school around where we live now. I didn't think much of it when I moved there. But now my son is enrolled in a ritzy private school and, frankly, it's not as good as the school my parents sent me to." And so we talked for a while.

The truth is that Adventists today aren't like our parents: we don't just automatically enrol our children in an Adventist school and assume that it's the best. We know too many of our peers who went to Adventist schools and didn't stick with the faith. We also know that Adventist schools aren't perfect. And many of us are pretty impressed by public and private alternatives. I know this well, because it's a subject men and women of a certain age spend an awful lot of time

talking about from San Clemente to Sydney, from Tauranga to Tahiti (those are among the places I've had conversations about children's education in just the last few months . . .).

But sometimes it's by seeing Adventist education through the eyes of non-Adventists that we gain a full appreciation for what we have. When I talk about the school my children attend with fellow church members, most of them are complimentary, in a suitably muted sort of way. No-one wants to be unsophisticated, after all. But when I talk about the school with non-Adventist parents, they are rhapsodic. We live in an area with some of the best public and private schools in Australia, and yet there's a steady stream of parents choosing to transfer their children into our Adventist school. And our local Adventist school is hardly unique—I've seen this pattern at other Adventist schools I've visited in both Australia and New Zealand.

Why are so many non-Adventists choosing Adventist schools?

I've wanted to know myself, so I've asked. The reasons given are just so heartening. The academics are superb, my non-Adventist friends say. And, they observe, there's a very special supportive spirit among the children. But most of all, they point to the exceptional Christian dedication of the teachers. As one non-Adventist parent commented, "The teachers here aren't just doing a job, they are following a vocation." Children are, I'm told, cherished and nurtured as individuals, and each one matters.

I'm not sure why non-Adventists can see what some of us can't. Maybe familiarity breeds contempt? Or maybe we are simply spoiled and we just don't realise it. As I left the restaurant in San Clemente considering what my friend had told me, the lyric "don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone,"¹ was ringing in my mind.

1. Depending on your generation, you'll know "Big Yellow Taxi" as a Joni Mitchell masterpiece, or a Counting Crows hit.

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Smells like teen spirit(uality)

Kent Kingston

I demand a second opinion! Barry Gane's Valuegenesis research (see page 13) shows Adventist young people in 1992 were less spiritual than they are now. Surely there's been a miscalculation—some vital variable overlooked during a dubious recalibration. Because I was one of the Year 12 students surveyed in 1992, baring my soul anonymously to Barry and his clipboard-wielding henchpeople. Only to be told, years after the fact, that I belong to a generation of spiritual dwarfs. Sigh.

They say the truth hurts; in this case it's certainly revealing. And, sadly, my recollections only serve to reinforce the Valuegenesis stats. There were about six other Year 12 kids attending my church at the beginning of 1992. By the end of the year I was the only one left.

It's a sobering toll and my experience is not unique. It leaves me wondering: What made the difference between my peers and me? Didn't God have a plan for each of us? (Yes, and He still does, even after all these years and despite our poor choices.)

Valuegenesis points to the importance of family—that was certainly a key factor in my case. I had parents who modelled a living faith and loving, consistent biblical principles. The research also suggests that quality youth ministry in the local church is crucial. And here I would have to agree, but with an important addition.

It's not enough to have great programs that keep young people engaged in worthwhile activities and connected with a positive peer group. It's not even enough to present clear biblical truth and lead soul-warming worship. For me—and I suspect I'm not the only one—the key was involvement.

I was probably only about 15 when I was asked to be on the youth committee for my local church. The young people organised their own Sabbath School and activities, and it was empowering to be a part of this process. Because I was part of the organising team, I felt a sense of ownership over what happened and appreciated the hard work involved.

At the age of 17 I had the opportunity to go on a youth mission trip to Poland. The team would support the work of the public evangelist as well as conducting street ministry. In preparing for the trip I was forced to confront my own spiritual state—was this just going to be an overseas junket, or was I serious about sharing Christianity with others? The reality of my involvement took me to a place of decision where, for the first time, I wholeheartedly gave myself to God.

I've found since that time, that involvement in church life has remained crucial to my faith. Christianity was never supposed to be theory, but a practical religion. I'm glad now that my own teenagers are involved in music and given responsible roles at their Adventist school, Pathfinder club and local church.

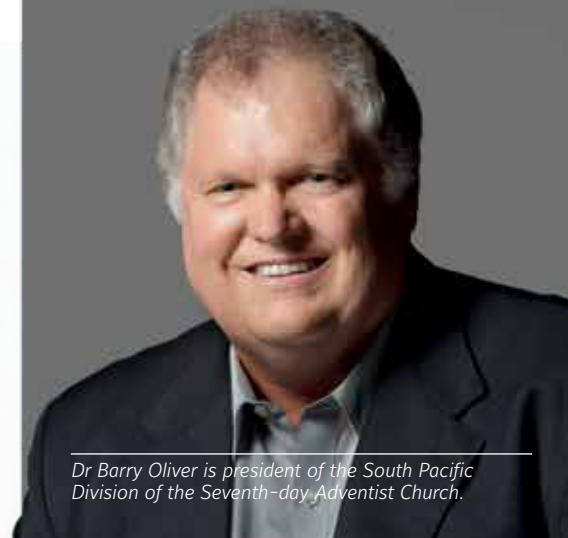
And, putting my wounded Gen X pride aside, I will have no objection if, when my boys reach Year 12, it turns out that Barry Gane is right after all, and they're more spiritual than I was at that age, or any age. Indeed, I'm praying for that outcome.

Inasmuch

As I write this edition of Insight, I am travelling with James Standish and Mal Hamilton in the New Ireland Province of Papua New Guinea. We have just returned to the capital Kavieng. For the past four days, we've been visiting with the church members of Mussau and Emirau. These are islands where all the population are Seventh-day Adventists. Over 30 years ago, my family and I served in this region.

The hospitality and warmth of these people is just wonderful. And if you haven't heard them sing then, at least from my perspective, your life is incomplete! But what concerns me is the lack of economic development. The houses are in the same, or worse, condition as 30 years ago. The Church provides education, but resources are stretched to breaking point. Health services are scant.

Pastor Wilson Stephen, retired president of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, told me that for the people of Emirau Island, there is virtually no form of income. They have coconut trees, but the cost of transporting the coconuts to market is prohibitive. And there's currently no other form of cash income. The point is that with what little they have, they demonstrate their commitment to God and to the Church. I am humbled by the generosity of our people in Mussau and Emirau. Those of us who are resource rich need to continue to support, by our offerings, those who don't have very much at all.

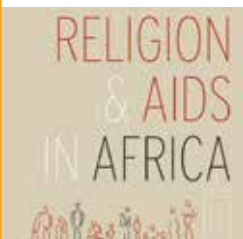


Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Urging respect

Andrew Dutney, president of the Uniting Church Assembly, has called on Australians to show respect for each other's faiths. The statement came after Muslim MP Ed Husic was vilified on social media for swearing his oath of office on the Qur'an, the first Federal politician to do so. — *Matt Pulford*



Protective

Religious groups are often accused of perpetrating ignorance and increasing the risk of HIV/AIDS in Africa. But new research from two American academics suggests that in communities where there is strong religiosity, there are lower levels of HIV infection. The result is similar for both Christians and Muslims. — *The Tablet*



In danger

Christian charity World Vision is warning that changing social and economic conditions in Papua New Guinea are leaving children vulnerable to abuse. Country director Curt von Boguslawski says child prostitution is on the rise due to urban drift, the high cost of living, unemployment and family breakdown. — *Radio Australia*



Doors closing

Exodus International is the world's oldest and largest Christian ministry focused on helping people with same-sex attractions. But at the ministry's annual conference, president Alan Chambers announced the ministry's closure. Chambers recently apologised for the organisation's hurtful treatment of gays, but not for biblical teaching on sexuality. — *Exodus International*



Catastrophic

Unexpectedly early and heavy monsoon rains in India's north produced flooding and landslides. The death toll may rise as high as 11,000. Some are describing it as India's worst-ever natural disaster. ADRA India is on the ground, assessing the situation. They say immediate needs include shelter, blankets and fresh water. — *ADRA India*



Chilly night

Business leaders spent a night sleeping outdoors in cities around Australia for the St Vincent de Paul CEO Sleepout. They raised awareness of homelessness as well as \$A5m. New figures show there are less people sleeping on the street, but there are more people in temporary, unstable or unsafe accommodation. — *CEO Sleepout*



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10,000 Godpods changing lives

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

More than 10,000 Godpods have been distributed to isolated areas of the South Pacific.

The Godpod is a solar-powered audio device that contains recordings of the Bible, as well as *Steps to Christ*, Bible studies and health lessons, in the Pidgin language. While some Godpods have been sent to the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, 9000 have gone to Papua New Guinea, where Pidgin is most widely understood.

"God has given us a wonderful opportunity to put His Word in a language the people can understand and make it available to the 4 million people in PNG who are poor, isolated and illiterate," said John Kosmeier, who has overseen the Godpod project for It Is Written Oceania (IIWO).

Many of the Godpods were taken to remote areas by Adventist Aviation Services and distributed by district pastors and church members. A former gun smuggler to West Papua is now bringing the Godpods across the Indonesia border instead. His father was the first baptised in the area.

IIWO, with the support of It Is Written International, has been excited by other inspirational stories that have come out of the Godpod program since Pastor Sid and Berryl Stocken first contacted Pastor Gary Kent (speaker/director for It Is Written) to take the project on board.

"It is Written Oceania has been touched to see how Godpods have changed people's lives across the South Pacific and beyond through the Holy Spirit," IIWO general manager Geraldine Przybylko said. "Thank you for your prayers and faithful donations. As you can see it really is making a difference." —Jarrod Stackelroth



The grateful recipient of a Godpod.

Adventist music festival presents hope

Port Vila, Vanuatu

The Vanuatu Mission has launched an annual Adventist music festival to celebrate the arrival of Adventism in Vanuatu and promote music in local churches as a means of presenting messages of hope.

Two of Vanuatu's eight districts held events. The Efate district staged a festival from June 9-12 at Fresh Water Field. It featured Adventist singing groups and attracted church and community members. District director, Pastor John Leeman, and Mission president, Pastor Nos Terry Mailalong, encouraged other districts to run a program.

Sanma district had a one-night festival at Luganville, Santo, involving 32 church groups. Students and teachers from Aore Adventist Academy travelled by boat to sing at the festival.

A committee is working on producing a festival DVD and has started planning for next year's events. —Jean-Pierre Niptik



Epauto secondary school choir.

Students practise before they preach

Plumpton, Victoria

Eighteen final year theology students from Avondale College of Higher Education have conducted a weekend evangelistic series in partnership with three churches in Victoria.

Dr Murray House, senior lecturer of ministry and evangelism at Avondale, presented the series with Pastor Loren Pratt and Jared Smith, one of the students. The other students were involved in preparing and doing jobs associated with the comprehensive evangelistic campaign.

This is the first time Avondale students have undertaken a program like this interstate. More than 120 people attended the first two days, including more than 80 community members.

"Pastor Pratt and his team prepared the territory with excellent groundwork," Dr House said. "They ran recipe

clubs and men's sheds.

"The students were also pleased to be there and found it a great experience. We are looking for a local church to partner with for 2014, as we'd like to continue this program."

The Victorian Conference contributed funding for promotional materials that were distributed before the program. —Jarrod Stackelroth



The student group at Northpoint church, Vic.

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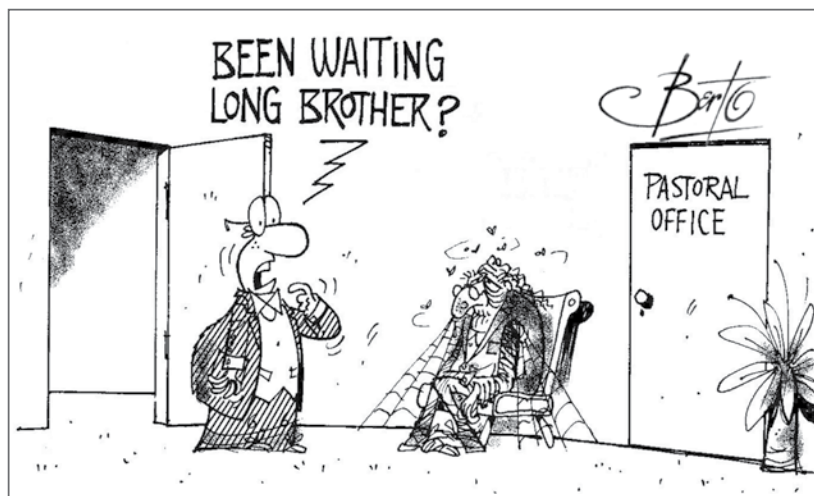
My home church is the Kokaji
Adventist Church near Madang,
Papua New Guinea. It's a village
church made of bush materials.
About 100 people attend each
week, sitting on planks balancing
between timber stumps. Some-
times we have conflicts but we
always talk about it and work things
out. We know that God established
this church.

In 1977 my uncle, Paul Klis, came to know Jesus through an Adventist
pastor who visited him during a six-month prison sentence. When he was
released, Uncle Paul returned to Kokaji and excitedly told his family the truth
he'd discovered about the seventh-day Sabbath. But they rejected the
message.

After consulting with an Adventist missionary, Uncle Paul proposed a
spiritual test. He asked his family to set aside a garden plot where no work
would be done on the Sabbath. They agreed.

During the growing season, the wild pigs and other animals came into
the gardens and destroyed many of the plants. But the Sabbath garden was
untouched. It was a clear miracle and the family was convinced. So, in 1978,
they dedicated some land and built the church we worship in today.

We still remind each other of the special way our church was established.
It's an important part of history that holds us together and reminds us of
how God has led us. —Kaleb Klis is studying theology at Sonoma Adventist
College and hopes to be the first full-time pastor at Kokaji. As told to Kent
Kingston.



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Sanitarium helps children get a good start

by Sharyn Brady

Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing is celebrating a 10 year partnership with Australian Red Cross running a program that feeds thousands of children across Australia each day.

"Our partnership in the Good Start Breakfast Club is a very tangible way to share health, hope and happiness with the next generation of Australians," said Julie Praestiin, Sanitarium's corporate communications manager.

"Each day, we are ensuring thousands of children across Australia receive the good start they deserve, by giving them the opportunity to start each day with a nutritious breakfast."

More than 200 Good Start Breakfast Clubs operate in areas of greatest need, with 1200 volunteers serving healthy breakfasts to 5000 children each day.

Among them are the students of Clayton North Primary School (Victoria), where the program has had a positive impact on learning, according to principal Rukshana Verzijl.

"It's hard to learn on an empty tummy," she said. "Our breakfast club makes it easier for our students to concentrate on what the teacher is saying and to remain focused on their studies."

"Along with increased attendance rates, there has been a marked improvement in the literacy achievement levels of many of our students who now have more energy in the morning. Starting the day on such a positive note has ensured greater school engagement."

Sanitarium's accredited practising dietitian, Michelle Reid, said a wealth of research shows a healthy breakfast helps children to learn and positively influences their mood.

"Children consuming a regular nutritious breakfast tend to have a lower intake of fat and higher intakes of protein, fibre, carbohydrate, vitamins and minerals, generally meaning a healthier diet overall," she said.

"Skipping breakfast over childhood and adult years can mean poorer metabolic health in the long term, resulting in higher cholesterol and insulin levels as well as more fat around the waist, all of which can lead to chronic diseases

such as diabetes and heart disease.

"Children who eat breakfast daily tend to choose more nutritious foods during the day, like fruit and vegetables, and less unhealthy snack foods such as chips, lollies and sugary soft drinks."

A recent national Newspoll survey commissioned by Sanitarium found that more than one-third of Australians with children in the household have difficulty covering daily expenses such as food and bills—with 56 per cent buying lower quality food to save money, 27 per cent putting off bills to put food on the table, and a quarter eating less than they would have liked to save money or because they couldn't afford more.

The breakfast clubs are supported by nutrition education including the FOODcents program, helping children and their parents make healthier food choices and promoting healthy habits for life.

Sanitarium has donated more than 4.7 million serves of cereal and soy milk products to the program over the past decade.

For a 12-month period, Weet-Bix 1kg packs sold in IGA stores will have an entire back and side panel devoted to sharing stories and photos from the breakfast clubs. ➤

Red Cross relies on committed volunteers and donors. You can support the Good Start Breakfast Club by giving monthly or making a one-off donation at <www.redcross.org.au/breakfastclubs>.

Sharyn Brady is public relations coordinator for Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing.





Helping the hurting

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has responded to violent communal clashes in Myanmar by providing emergency water and hygiene kits to more than 8000 internally displaced people. Twenty 1800-litre water tanks and hundreds of family-sized mosquito nets were also distributed. For more information visit <www.record.net.au/news>. —*Braden Blyde*

Big expo, big interest

Not as many students came—less than the 6000 last year—but the rain stayed away as Avondale hosted the Central Coast Career Pathways Expo on June 25 for a third consecutive year. Despite competition from more than 120 other entities, the expo generates about a quarter of the enquiries Avondale receives each year. —*Brenton Stacey/Lagani Gairo*

Great gathering

More than 200 people from five Adventist churches attended the 2013 North West Coast Regional at North West Christian School in Penguin (Tas) in May. Visitors also came from Launceston to hear keynote speaker Pastor Mau Tuaoi preach in the “big tent” set up on the school grounds. Pastor Tuaoi ran afternoon workshops as part of the event, with volunteers keeping the youngsters entertained with a kids’ club. —*Tasda*



Anchors away!

Eight days after departing from Southport (Qld) in their catamaran *Another Angel* in May, Jan and Brian Dodds arrived safely in Tanna, Vanuatu, to begin five months of medical missionary work throughout Vanuatu’s islands. It’s the Dodds’ sixth trip with Pacific Yacht Ministries (PYM). Commencing in 2004, PYM is now in its third Memorandum of Understanding with the Vanuatu Ministry of Health. Last year, PYM medical teams, including expatriate volunteers and local health professionals, saw a total of 18,702 patients, including 894 medical and 2880 dental cases. They also conducted 1300 immunisations and 1946 blood pressure checks. —*Nick Brightman*

GLOW stories

It’s been a little more than a year since GLOW tracts were launched in Australia, but people of all ages are realising the potential of the pocket-sized tracts as a Bible-sharing resource. “A 94-year-old lady recently requested some GLOW tracts because she was ‘always trying to bring people to believe and love Jesus’,” said Don Madden, manager of the Australian Union Conference’s Resource Centre. If you have a story of how GLOW tracts were used to share the Bible, please contact the AUC Resource Centre at <resources@adventist.org.au>.



Healthy advice

Gold Coast Central church (Qld) recently hosted a Healthy Family Foods workshop, with Dr Craig Russell the keynote speaker. In his presentation, Dr Russell paid particular attention to life threatening skin cancers. The workshop also included a demonstration of healthy foods, displays from local retailers featuring health foods and supplements, and green cleaning and natural beauty products. —*Faye Garrick*

A bouncing success

A record 34 teams participated in this year’s VicYouth/ADRA basketball tournament held at Dandenong Basketball Stadium in late May. More than \$A9000 was raised through the tournament, with the money being used to support two Victorian service projects, including an ADRA Connections trip to Vietnam. The tournament will run again in 2014. —*IntraVic*

Singing to save children

Two sisters from Glenvale Adventist church (Qld) are using their musical talents to raise awareness about the issue of child trafficking. Naomi and Noralyn Jowett, and their band Corinthia, launched their debut EP—*Love Like North*—late last month. All proceeds from EP sales will be donated to not-for-profit organisation Destiny Rescue, with the sisters aiming to raise \$A6000 by the end of the year.

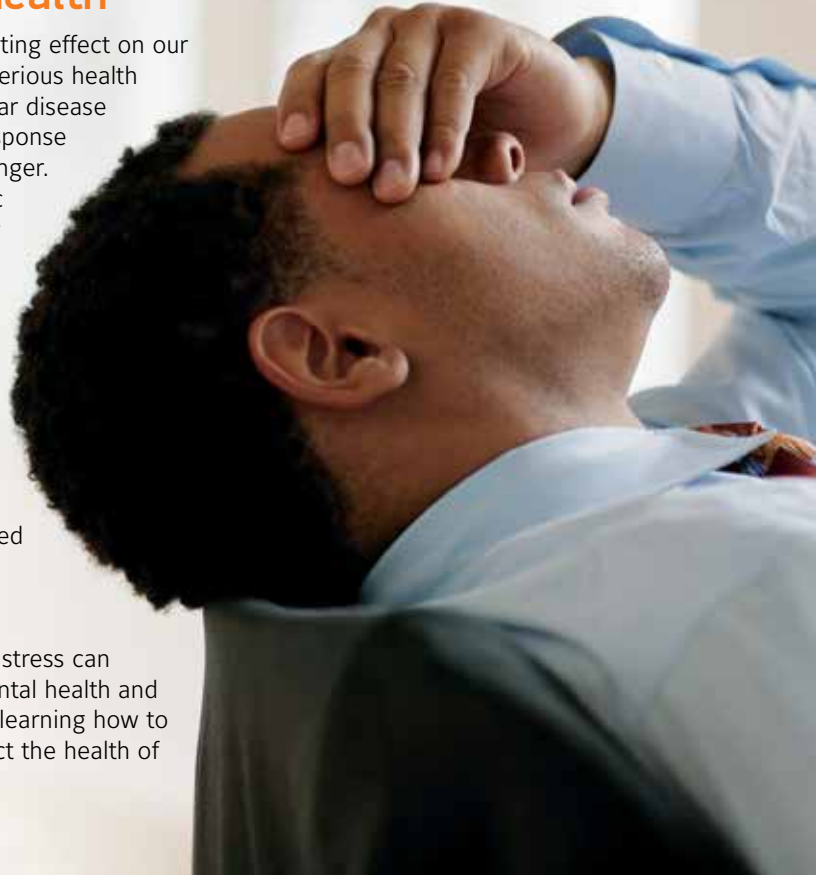


Stress and whole person health

Science tells us that stress can have a devastating effect on our health, with studies showing links to a range of serious health issues, including clinical depression, cardiovascular disease and cancer. In the short term, stress causes a response in the body that's designed to help us escape danger. However, the body doesn't deal well with chronic stress, which can lead to a range of constant low level symptoms that can be damaging over time.

It's because of this that identifying sources of stress is such a key component of achieving and maintaining whole person health. But stress isn't self-contained and it doesn't just effect our physical health. Stress at work can lead to people being short or distant with their friends and family, while stress at home can lead to individuals being disinterested and disconnected from work. Sadly, it's all too easy to damage relationships when we need them most.

Taking a proactive stance on how we manage stress can have a significant impact on our physical and mental health and wellbeing. No-one lives a life without stress, but learning how to identify the source and manage it will help protect the health of our body, mind and spirit.



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Creamy cauliflower soup

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1 large onion, chopped
1 kg cauliflower florets
1 ½ x 10g vegetable stock cubes
4 cups water
1 ½ cups soy milk*

**Other non-dairy milks, such as rice milk and almond milk, also work well with this recipe.*

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan. Add cumin seeds and onion and sauté until soft.
2. Add cauliflower, stock cubes and water. Bring to boil, then reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 15 minutes.
3. Remove from heat. Place in a blender and puree until smooth.
4. Add soy milk and salt and process until combined.
5. Return to saucepan and reheat.

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OPINION

Sonja Larsen

It could have been different

Turn your mental clock back 10 years to 2003. Where were you? What memories stand out for you about that year? For some of you this may be an easy thing to do, while others a more painful exercise.

Ten years ago I'd recently turned 14. It's an age I can easily think back to and recall many of the friends, feelings and fun I had. In some ways I felt pretty mature and accomplished. I was nearing the end of my Pathfindering days, I enjoyed cooking, canoeing, fishing and windsurfing in Vanuatu's Port Vila harbour and supervising the *pikininis* (kids) down at the *solwota* (sea).

Life seemed burden-free (whether or not my parents felt the same way is another thing). For the most part, life on Efate, a 900km² tropical island in Vanuatu that sometimes weathered ravaging cyclones and shocking earthquakes, was very sheltered. The concerns occupying significant parts of our teenage girls' conversations were generally school, Pathfinders and boys who were giving us the "eye".

But my worries were a stark contrast to those of thousands of 14-year-old girls who were silent statistics in India's sex trafficking industry. It's difficult to believe that 10 years ago, I was the average age of females forced into prostitution there.

Today, while I feel extremely blessed to have escaped a potential 10 years of a living nightmare, my heart is outraged at the life that has been stolen from so many girls at such an early age. These are girls (and sometimes boys) who have been trafficked by relatives, friends and partners, and left in bondage in brothels where they service men—sometimes 20 a day. Promises of medical care, a steady income and a future were lies.

Slavery (the A21 Campaign defines it as a civil relationship whereby one person has absolute power over another and controls his/her life, liberty and fortune), a 27 million human strong "business", occurs in many ways. Let's not be numbed by the horrific realities of trafficking.

Have you ever thought about where your cheap goods (clothing, appliances, toys or food) come from? After the recent and tragic factory fires in Bangladesh, which killed nearly 1000 people, I am especially challenged to think about where the things I buy are made. But more importantly what the pay and workplace conditions are that the workers experience. The bargain we think we are getting may have come with a serious human price tag.

Our actions and decisions no doubt have effects on others that we are often unaware of. In the same way, the effects of our good actions, of giving hope and righteousness (justice) to people, can be positive and long lasting. Even if others are unaware of them.

Last year I had the privilege of visiting an Asian Aid supported project in India that rescues, rehabilitates and reintegrates trafficked women and children. In seeing the contentment and joy in their lives, I realised that where there is freedom—whether it be from the bondage of prostitution, slavery, pornography, alcoholism, greed, pride, unhealthy relationships, money or something else—there is also life and peace.

In John 10:10, Jesus said He came that we might have life—and have it to the full. Let's allow Jesus to daily be our life—so that His power can be seen within us. Only then can we truly be His hands and feet in this world.

Sonja Larsen is communication coordinator for Asian Aid Australia.



Students need your support by John Cox

Seventh-day Adventist students have positive perceptions of how home, church and school influences their faith development, according to Valuegenesis II, a longitudinal study of young adults by the Church in the South Pacific.

Lead researcher Dr Barry Gane, head of the School of Ministry and Theology at Avondale College of Higher Education, based the finding on 1359 responses to a 260-item questionnaire completed by students in Adventist high schools in Australia and New Zealand who have at least one Adventist parent. Comparison with Valuegenesis I in 1992 reveals significant trends.

While mothers generally have the strongest home influence on faith development, students now give much more significance to the influence of fathers and grandparents. Affectionate parenting that is not over-protective or over-restraining correlates strongly with the development of Christian commitment, denominational loyalty, self-esteem and social responsibility.

Students now rate worship services as a much more significant contributor to faith development (81 per cent compared to 63 per cent in 1992). The study points to local church-based youth ministry as one of the most powerful influences—the absence of it would seem culpable. Students also gave considerable weight to the impact of service activities and to the influence of summer camps and youth rallies.

One of the most striking developments since Valuegenesis I is the increased importance students place on the influence of Adventist education in their faith development, with an average rise of 31 per cent in the rating of school factors.

Valuegenesis II also shows how important it is for adults to take a significant personal interest in the welfare and spiritual development of teenagers. Eighty per cent of students acknowledged the influence of adults at church, while about 70 per cent acknowledged the influence of adults at school.

The faith experience of students is still strong—87 per cent believe God still loves them when they have done wrong, 77 per cent want to learn about God while they are still young and 63 per cent have a sense of God's guidance in their lives. However, 41 per cent identified with the

statement, "God seems far away and silent when I need Him." The proportion of Year 12 students exhibiting high faith maturity (measured against 38 criteria) is 50 per cent higher than in Valuegenesis I.

Attitudes to the local church were significantly more positive on almost all criteria. Most students saw their church as friendly and accepting, open to new ideas and encouraging of young adults. However, only 53 per cent felt their youth leaders knew them well, and only 45 per cent thought their minister showed interest in them (both lower than in 1992). Seventy-nine per cent expressed a high level of satisfaction with the Adventist Church (up from 60 per cent) and 75 per cent described the chance they would still be in the Church at age 40 as good or excellent.

Agreement with the Church's key teachings has declined since 1992, and levels of disagreement or uncertainty have risen. Belief that salvation is a gift from God, in the Sabbath and in the second coming is strong. The areas of greatest uncertainty: whether the Bible is the sole source of doctrinal authority; the significance of church pioneer Ellen White; the investigative judgement; and the ultimate fate of the wicked.

While baptisms to age 13 are similar to 1992 levels, only 38 per cent of students have been baptised at age 18, compared with 81 per cent in 1992.

Adventist students are much less "at risk" than their peers in the community, though the proportion of students engaging in such behaviours is sizeable and increasing. Forty-three per cent of Year 11 and 12 students reported one or more "at risk" behaviours. Twenty-five per cent had consumed alcohol three or more times in the previous year. Thirty per cent had shoplifted at least once. More than 12 per cent had viewed sexually explicit videos or magazines 40 or more times in the previous year.

The research, supported by a grant of \$A60,000, will inform evaluation of church programs, facilitate evidence-based decision-making and influence planning for the future.



Dr John Cox is editor of Reflections, Avondale College of Higher Education's alumni magazine.



Train up a child . . .

by Tom Pennington

AS ADVENTIST PARENTS WE FACE SOME difficult educational choices. In many ways it's a dilemma born from privilege. The options are numerous—public, selective public, private, selective private, single-sex versus coeducational, and even home-schooling. Our Church has a long and justifiably proud history of providing quality primary, secondary and tertiary education to young Adventists and, increasingly, to children and youth from diverse faith backgrounds. For Christian parents of young children contemplating the various educational paths, the choice is by no means clear.

This article is not written to recommend one particular schooling method over another. Indeed parents often worry about the role school plays not only in children's learning, but in shaping their characters, and ultimately influencing them to accept or reject God. While it's true that school influences are powerful moulders of impressionable minds, I believe God was talking specifically to parents when He said: "Train up a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). It is in the

home environment that a child learns to love God. Nevertheless, the choice of schooling can augment the parents' home teaching in varying and important ways. I can speak from my experience of my own schooling and outline pointers that may prove helpful for parents contemplating this important decision. This is a subject especially close to my heart now that I am a father contemplating the best educational path for my young daughter, Isabel, and son, Lachlan.

My first five years of primary schooling were delivered in a metropolitan Adventist primary school. I was then accepted into a selective private boys' school (Sydney Grammar), where I completed primary and secondary schooling.

Both schools offered a wholistic curriculum in academic and other pursuits. Both schools encouraged the cream to rise to the top, and both struggled to nurture and motivate students who were not academically focused. Both schools offered guidance in religious studies, though the former was more integrated and all-encompassing where the latter was very optional and unashamedly pluralistic. For example, readings at assembly each Friday morning at Sydney

Grammar School rotated between the major world religions' texts—the Bible, the Qur'an, the Upanishads and the Torah. This seemed appropriate for a non-Christian, multicultural school, and it neither bothered nor challenged me spiritually because Adventist philosophy had already been so ingrained in me. For a child with a weak Adventist upbringing, however, this may have been confusing and a potential stumbling block.

The transition from a small Adventist primary school to a large selective private school in grade five was not an easy one for me. I went from top of the class to middle of the pack; from friends with everyone to knowing no-one. And it's where my young faith was challenged for the first time. I met children from all walks of life. I was now faced with the scenario where the majority of extra-curricular activities were on Friday night or Sabbaths. I had to opt out of many of the activities that I had previously excelled in and enjoyed—athletics, swimming and team sports (although this didn't stop me from winning the age champion in Years 5 and 6 at the school athletics carnival, held mid-week). I was unable to participate in inter-school sporting competitions as these occurred on Sabbaths. The same could be said for musical endeavours, with the vast majority of concerts/performances held on Friday nights.

This, you could say, greatly limited my education through late primary school and throughout high school. I certainly look back and have some regrets in this area. My older brother, who attended a selective boys' public school, was able to participate in most activities he chose, as these were scheduled on weeknights and weekdays. The flipside of missing out on school sporting and arts events is that it made me learn to stand up for my beliefs, and I was able to talk to many of my friends about the Sabbath. Would it have been harder to stand up for my beliefs in an environment where my peers were supposed to be Adventist Christians? It's perhaps easier to swim against the tide when one knows which way the tide is going.

The challenges through high school did not stop with the Sabbath issue. By Year 9 I was faced with the reality of teenage binge drinking and substance abuse. It's only through the strong upbringing at home, and by the grace of God, that I was able to resist these vices. The temptation to join "the crowd" was strong and sustained throughout senior high school and well into my university years. I cannot comment on whether this temptation would have been any less (or greater) in a Christian environment, but I would urge parents, youth leaders, pastors and teachers not to ignore this issue. Particularly, with regards to the consumption of alcohol, we as a Church need a united front. I can positively say that my parents were by far the most influential of my educators on the issue of alcohol and other harmful substances.

Make your home an oasis and an open forum for discussion and encouragement.

On the academic front, high school was very good for me and it nurtured a competitive environment that enabled me to do well enough to study science and medicine, and to pursue a career in surgery (though I have peers who went to Adventist schools who also were accepted into medical school and other demanding university courses). Being academically "middle of the road" at this highly selective private school may have pushed me to achieve more than I would have in a less pressured academic environment, though of course I say that with a large amount of uncertainty. I was still able to achieve my grade 8 piano certificate in the 10th grade of school (this without any help or tuition from the school), and I played many sports to my heart's content, just not competitively.

The inevitable cost of not taking part in Saturday sports, teenage partying, alcohol and drug-taking was a loss of popularity. Friends came and went.

The friends who stood by me were the ones who respected me for my beliefs, but for the most part I was considered pretty "uncool". Adventist parents who send their children to non-Christian schools need to pay close attention to their child, as the signs of social isolation can be subtle. Make your home an

oasis and an open forum for discussion and encouragement. Children who are experiencing peer pressure, loneliness, or having their faith shaken to the core, especially need a home environment filled with love, assurance, encouragement, compassion and recreation.

Despite these hardships, I would rate my experience at a non-Christian selective private school as, overall, a positive one. It's indeed possible to come out the other end a strong Seventh-day Adventist Christian and I am testimony to that. But I also have friends who went to Adventist schools who are strong Adventist Christians.

Parents who wish to send their children to non-Christian schools should not expect to abdicate their vital role in creating a Christian home, as it's in the home that children learn to love and obey God. Our instruction is vital to our children coming out of school on "the other side" balanced and grounded Christians regardless of their schooling environment. If you are contemplating sending your child to a non-Christian school, don't do so without much thought and prayer. At the same time, don't shy away from non-Christian schools for fear of their bad influence on your child—you are your child's most important instructor. Your child will mingle with children of different faiths and cultures, and will daily have opportunities to share their faith. To those parents whose children have left the faith, who may be feeling remorseful for their decisions regarding their children's education—pray for them. The journey is far from over, and God is not slack concerning His promise (2 Peter 3:9). ➤

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Lest we forget . . .

by Rosalie McFarlane

HAVE YOU EVER HELD A REAL LIFE TREASURE trove in your hands? Have you ever been presented with a mystery that changed your life? Has something you've unexpectedly discovered altered the way you view yourself and your world? I have.

Years ago, my aunty left an unexplained mystery behind when she moved into a nursing home. I had the melancholy task of cleaning all of her earthly possessions out of her home. It wasn't easy—all those memories, all those dreams, all those hopes. As I methodically cleaned out closet after closet, drawer after drawer, memories of my aunty as a young, vibrant woman and everything she meant to me over the years came flooding back. It was a lifetime's worth of mundane objects—clothes, cutlery, knick-knacks—each with a memory attached and each to be packed up and shipped out. I had been cleaning and packing for awhile, when I came to a chest of drawers in the spare room. It didn't look like much, and I didn't expect to find anything extraordinary. But I was wrong—profoundly wrong.

At the very back of one of the drawers I found a battered old chocolate box. The box was a mystery the

moment I found it. Why was it tucked in the back of the drawer? Why was it so heavy? And why did it make a metallic clink when I moved it? Did the box contain gold? Precious coins? What was it hiding? Should I open it? Or should I let a mystery remain a mystery?

Curiosity got the best of me and I slowly opened the lid. Inside I discovered three medals and a large bronze plaque. On the plaque I read the words, "He died for honour and freedom". The name on the plaque was David Stewart McFarlane. As I read it, another memory came flooding back. I first heard of McFarlane D S when I was five years old and my dad pointed to his name, etched in stone on an Anzac memorial. It had all seemed very remote to me then—a faceless man, long since dead, lying lifeless in a place I'd never been, killed in a war I didn't understand.

But holding his medals and reading the inscription on the plaque, which I later learned is called a "dead man's penny", made it all so real. It was at that moment I realised, McFarlane D S was my own Anzac. And it was up to me to ensure his service and his sacrifice were never forgotten.



On April 24, I joined thousands of New Zealanders and Australians in a journey of remembrance at Gallipoli. During the freezing cold that night, beneath the peaks my great uncle scaled and died on, I thought of what he and thousands of others did for honour and freedom. As I contemplated their immense sacrifice, my mind wandered to a very different hill where the King of the universe, our awesome Jesus, gave His life for honour and our freedom. As dawn broke on April 25 in Gallipoli, I stood with the thousands there and uttered the words "Lest We Forget". But unlike many there, I was thinking not only of McFarlane D S and thousands like him, but I was thinking also of the One who made an even greater sacrifice.

On that cold morning I realised that the tragedy is, we do forget. But for a chance discovery in my aunty's home, after all, I would likely have forgotten McFarlane D S. It was a sobering thought. And it isn't just our Anzacs who we forget, it's also our spiritual ancestors and their sacrifices we ignore.

Today, I have a particularly grave concern that we are forgetting the rationale behind the sacrifice to build—and the enormous value of—our Adventist education system. As I meet with Adventists from across the spectrum in my role as education director for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference, I get a sense we are forgetting why as a Church we run the world's largest Protestant school system, despite being only the seventh biggest Church. I can't give you a battered old chocolate box full of mysteries to spark your memory, but what I can give you is something better—living, breathing students and teachers who are, every day, being profoundly touched by the wonder of Adventist education.

Adventist schools are operated to achieve three aims: to share who God is; to teach His plans and purposes for us; and to prompt a response to Him.

These three components of Adventist education have been part of God's wonderful eternal plan for educating humanity from our inception. The garden of Eden was a school. It was here that God as the great Teacher shared with Adam and Eve who He was, His plans and purposes for them and how they could respond to Him. No matter how well God had created human beings, to develop a relationship with them He still had to share with them who He was. This is the first work of Adventist schools: to introduce our wonderful Jesus to our children, and to share with them a loving, caring, almighty and powerful God.


God also revealed his plans and purposes to Adam and Eve, giving them dominion over the earth and all that was in it. Our schools continue to open to students God's wonderful eternal plan for their lives and how they can respond.

Unless we remember and value what we have and continue to invest ... we could squander our educational inheritance.

Yes, Adventist education involves academic success, great sporting events, music and arts programs, and more. Yes, the results we are achieving are widely recognised in the community. Yes, our schools have a superb reputation. But the core purpose of Adventist schools is to gently lead children to the foot of the cross where they meet Jesus. The work of Adventist education is to open to them the "joy of service in this world and the higher joy of wider service in the world to come".¹ This is the most important way Adventist schools differ from schools just down the road.

For more than 100 years members of local Seventh-day Adventist churches worked hard, giving time, effort and finances to building a school for their church. They built these schools in tough times, when many of them were poor and when an extra shilling meant a lot. But like King David, who had a phenomenal vision for a magnificent temple for God, these church members had a vision of Adventist education that would provide eternally focused education for our children. We have inherited the wealth of that vision and provision, and like Solomon who built a magnificent temple with the provision his father had made, our generation has continued to improve our high quality Adventist schools, which today achieve great results that are widely recognised in our community.

But we can't rest on the efforts of our ancestors. When the Temple in Jerusalem passed to Rehoboam, the original vision was lost and, in the end, so was the temple itself. Is it possible that we too could lose our vision for Adventist education and as a result lose a precious and highly effective means of evangelism and ministry? We have seen some schools close and the rate of creation of new schools has slowed. Unless we remember and value what we have and continue to invest and support that original vision, we could squander our educational inheritance.

As I stood on Chunuk Bair on Anzac Day and looked at the name McFarlane D S etched in stone so far away from the wall in New Zealand that my dad had first pointed out, I experienced a deeper understanding and appreciation. While I felt a deep gratitude for what my great uncle had done, I had tears in my eyes as I looked out across the spectacular vista his name sits above every day and I quietly prayed: "Lord may we never forget." Today, that is my prayer for our entire church family. 

1. White, E *Education*, Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, 1952, p 13.

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LETTERS

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MAKE A STAND

Daron Pratt, NSW

I wholeheartedly agree with James Standish's editorial, "Storming the Bastille" (June 29). It's time to make a stand for children and families.

So often we have been very narrow in our view of the dragon and his attack on God's people and what this looks like. While we have been sleeping, the enemy has had a field day in our homes and families. The impact on our children from broken families, absent fathers, busyness, media and pornography (to name a few) is startling!

It's time to rebuild the walls (Nehemiah 4) and fight for our families, our sons, our daughters, our spouses and our homes.

LIKE JOB OF OLD

Bruce Prince, via email

I am so grateful for Jean Gersbach's "Ten Years On" (Feature, June 15).

Here's a woman who, like Job of old, believes that nothing happens without first passing through the hand of God. Like Job, Jean can say, "The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Jean gives me much encouragement. Job is one of my biblical heroes, but Jean walks the talk in my era.

I appreciate so much her willingness to step forward and share her story. It has greatly inspired me to learn of a real modern-day person who, through tragedy and despair, can still see the beautiful character of a true God. Thank you, Jean!

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

James Fletcher, NSW

I'd like to express my ap-

preciation for the timely and well-written article "Conspiracy Adventism" (Feature, June 15). I have been a church pastor since the late '70s and there has always been some kind of conspiracy theory going around. Since 9/11 these theories have multiplied, both inside and outside the Church.

There are a number of travelling speakers who seem to specialise in making sensational claims. Unfortunately, some church members are attracted by the exciting messages that mix Bible teaching, prophetic interpretation, even scientific research, with all kinds of strange conspiracies.

While some of the material might be valuable, the real damage is done when church members start taking on board attitudes of suspicion and paranoia. They can begin to see evidences of conspiracy everywhere, even in their local church, even expressing suspicions about their pastor.

I wish these travelling speakers would speak in the area of their expertise and ask for scholarly criticism in the areas they are not trained in.

If we were to believe what some of these speakers say about history, we would have to throw out all scholarly history books and accept the speculations of the speaker who has access to "secret information".

It seems too easy for a visiting speaker to stir up a whole lot of issues that unsettle church members and then move on, leaving the local church leaders and pastors to try and repair the damage.

While it's true that some people have come into the Church through the biblical teachings presented, it's also the case that new converts

have been bombarded with these theories and some have left the Church because of this.

The last day events detailed in Revelation will be seen by everyone, not just by those who have access to secret information.

LEGACY OF LOVE

Joanne Davies, NZ

Regarding "The Jerry Matthews story" (Feature, June 29).

New Zealand has been blessed beyond measure under Pastor Matthews' leadership. He and his wife, Cheryl, have modelled patience, graciousness and the love of Jesus in all that they have done for the Lord. Our Union has grown in so many practical and spiritual ways under their leadership.

They leave a legacy of love that will always be cherished with gratitude. Thank you for all you have done in so many lives.

We will miss you Jerry and Cheryl. May God give you many happy and healthy years of retirement.

LEST WE FORGET

Elvira Seeman, NSW

Re: "Sacrifice" (Editorial, June 15). You are so right, where is the day of remembrance for our missionaries?

Soldiers were sent with weapons into countries to kill, and when they survived they got a medal. On Anzac Day, they lay a wreath at the memorial, then march the streets and after, they go for a drink to forget or to remember.

But our missionaries went into other countries with the Word of God and many good deeds, built up characters and changed views, and sacrificed their own lives.

Kids' Space

Haai KIDS



The "Little Maid" was taken away from her family to work for Captain Naaman. Although she missed her family she always did her best in any work she was asked to do. Captain Naaman noticed that there was something different and special about "Little Maid".

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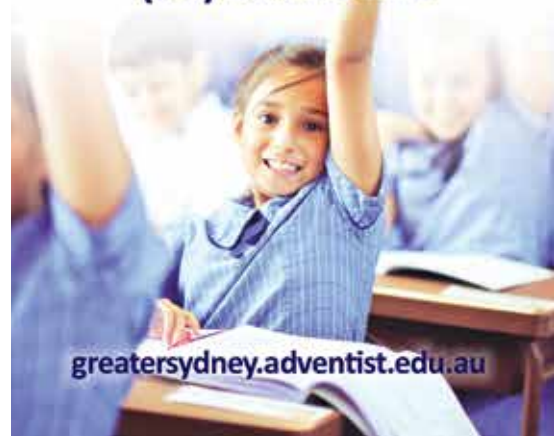
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RECORD REWIND

Lester Devine

John Burden

From the age of six, John Burden developed a deep interest in the writings and ministry of Ellen White and later in life he was closely associated with her in the development of sanitariums, particularly in California where he was a pioneer denominational leader.

While the manager at St Helena Sanitarium, Burden bought 85 acres of hill and valley land to secure the hospital water supply and six months later sold the portion not needed to Ellen White. This property became her final home, "Elmshaven".

Burden is believed to be the only man to ever secure the purchase of a major hospital (Glendale) with just \$20 as a deposit. He also helped develop the hospital and health food work in Australia from 1901-1904.

Burden is best remembered for his involvement in the purchase of the Paradise Valley, Glendale and Loma Linda hospital sites. It is said that unlike most people he joyfully "marched into debt". He feared no failure fully believing the Lord would provide—and He did!

Loma Linda was the third "bargain basement" property Burden secured for the Church. The California Conference feared it was already overburdened with the purchase of the Paradise Valley and Glendale properties but Ellen White urged the Church to look for a site in the Redlands—Riverside area of southern California. The price of the Loma Linda site Burden and his committee found dropped in stages from \$110,000 to \$40,000—but Burden had no money to secure the property.

The General Conference and the California Conference would take no responsibility for additional debt, and Ellen

White could not initially be reached—when she did make contact she wanted the property bought immediately, but she had not consulted church leaders. When leaders did respond from Washington they all requested delay, and Ellen White then agreed with that because of high denominational debt levels. Personally she hoped that, under Burden's leadership, church members could, in time, fund the purchase instead.

But the seller of the Loma Linda site would not agree to any delay. So Burden signed the papers as an individual to secure the property with borrowed money as a deposit, and the rest is history!

Then, in spite of extreme financial challenges, Burden gathered a few teachers and students together at Loma Linda in 1906 and began a medical missionary school, which in 1909 became the College of Medical Evangelists (CME). For a time Burden managed the new institution. Eventually, CME became the Loma Linda University School of Medicine and is today the largest medical school in the USA west of the Mississippi River.

With the exception of 1924, when he was "borrowed" to administer the rebuilding of Glendale Hospital (which, through poor management, had gone more than 60 per cent over budget), Burden spent 1916-1934 as the manager of Paradise Valley Sanitarium.



Lester Devine is director emeritus of the Ellen G. White/Adventist Research Centre at Avondale College of Higher Education.

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ANNIVERSARY



Olsen. Leon and Fay (nee Howse) celebrated their 50th wedding

anniversary at Brooklyn, Sydney, NSW, with family. On 22.1.1963, they were married by Pastor John Howse with Dr Allan Lindsay taking part in the ceremony at the Papanui church, NZ. Their family, Dean and Julie, Royden and Eva and two of their four grandchildren, were present and contributed to the many happy times and experiences being recounted and enjoyed.

occasion for a wonderful couple. Happy first anniversary!

Cheonnetth Strickland



Dawson-Jin Joh.

Peter John Dawson, son of Joseph and Gwen

Dawson (Brisbane, Qld), and Michelle Hyun Jin Joh, daughter of Eric and Won-Ae Yoon (Sydney, NSW), were married 5.5.13 at Gunners' Barracks, Mosman. Peter is a quantitative analyst and Michelle an interior designer. After a honeymoon on Hamilton Island, they plan to set up their home in Sydney.

Alex Currie

WEDDINGS

Burke-Mondejar Mollenido.

Dean Russell Burke, son of Larry and Karina Burke, and Maria Antoinette Mondejar Mollenido, daughter of Refo Amit Mollenido and Evelinda Popelo Mondejar, were married 1.7.12 at Campbelltown church. Dean and Antoinette met at their local church: Campbelltown. They fell in love with God and each other. Friends and family witnessed this special

OBITUARIES



Allen, Elaine Ethel (nee Mellor), born in Narrandera, NSW; died in Beecroft, Sydney.

On 16.11.1954, she married Gordon Allen. She was predeceased by her husband eight years ago, and her daughter, Vickie Trentin, in 1999. She is survived by her granddaughter, Selina Habkoux (Sydney); and her

permanent foster children, Jeff, Shane, Maureen (all of Sydney), Adrian (Perth, WA) and Brendon (Qld). Elaine and her late husband, Gordon, were compassionate people who fostered approximately 150 children. Five of these children became permanent foster children who Elaine educated and now have very respectable careers. Elaine was a long-term member of Chatswood church and, for the last few years, a member of Thornleigh church.

Alex Currie

Butcher, Roy Alfred Stephen, born in Melbourne, Vic; died in the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg. In 1967, he married Shirley Buckingham in the Preston church. Roy found Jesus through an evangelistic program in 1957, and faithfully served as a literature evangelist for more than 35 years

with the support of his wife. He is survived by his wife; their three children and their partners, Melissa, David and Megan, Paul and Rebecca; and his much-loved grandchildren, Emerson and Allaire. Roy was faithful in everything he did. His favourite hymn was "Give Me Jesus", and his greatest pleasure was to share Jesus at every opportunity.

*Iutini Rimoni, John Chan
Georges Latchman, James Kent*

Goodgame, Kevin, born 24.9.1961 in Wanganui, NZ; died 30.6.12 in Tauranga. Born to Stan and Merl; brother to Linda, Brian, David, Lee, Chris, Sarah; and stepbrother to Shane, Adam, Jacob and Michelle. He married Janice, the love of his life, in 1993 and was a devoted father to Lorelee, Moesha, Chance and Jordan.

Ray Eaton

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Vic Torrens, Gideon Okesene

Walker, Thora Florence (nee Gray), born 26.1.1919 in Bowen, Qld; died 17.5.13 in the Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Park. On 28.12.1938, she married Fred Walker. She was predeceased by her husband and her daughter, Janice Todd. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Dawson (NZ); and her son, Noel Walker

(Redlands, Qld). Thora loved her church and family fiercely. She held numerous offices in the Townsville church and performed volunteer work at the retirement village.

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