

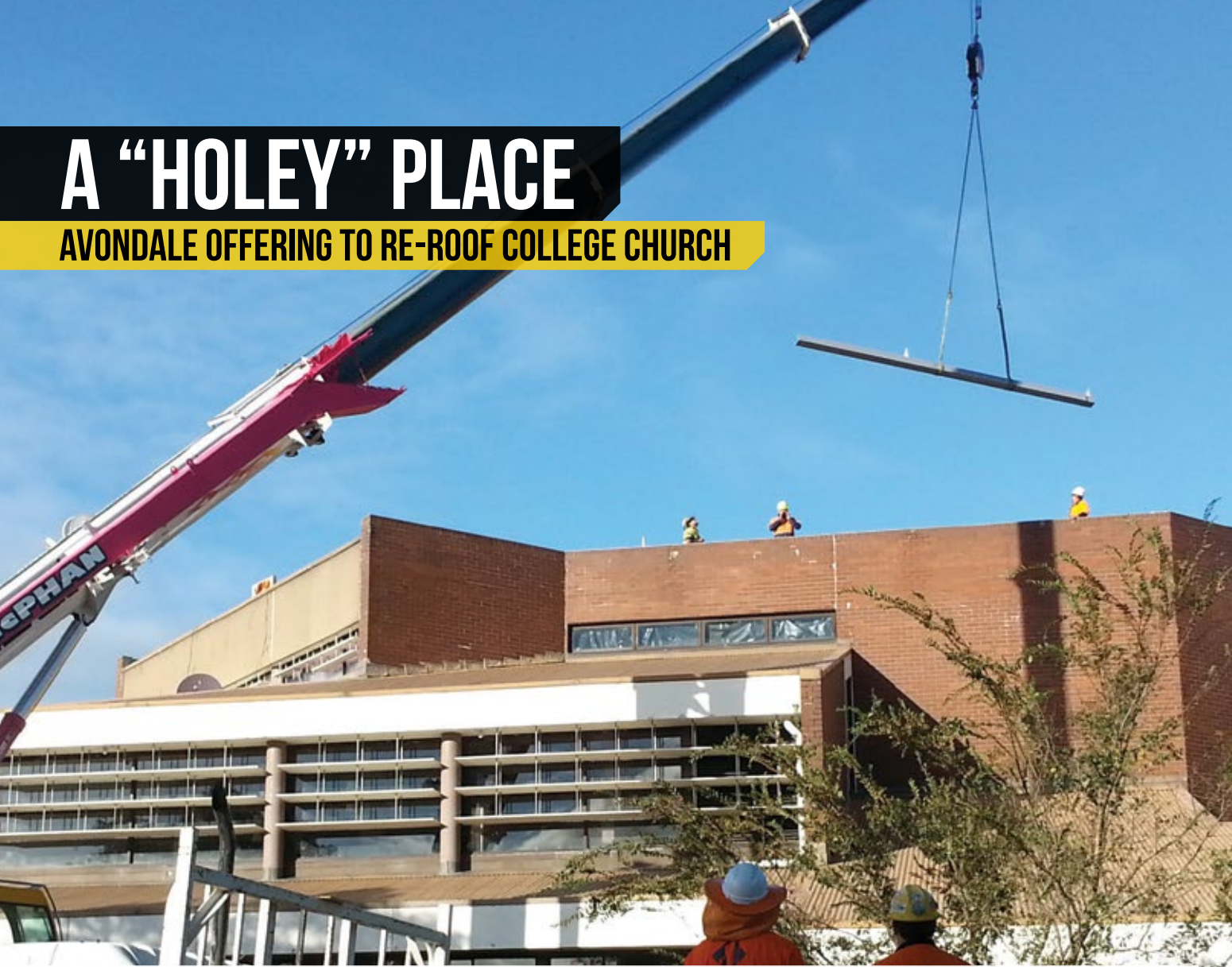
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# A "HOLEY" PLACE

## AVONDALE OFFERING TO RE-ROOF COLLEGE CHURCH



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## Atoll evangelism a success

*Tarawa, Kiribati*

Three hundred Seventh-day Adventists and their friends on the island of Tarawa witnessed the baptism of 65 people at the conclusion of an evangelistic series conducted by Pastor Gary Webster.

The Church in Kiribati had been praying and working with people in preparation for the evangelistic series (see "City evangelism moves to the atolls", April 19).

Pastor Webster also ran training meetings for elders, youth, pastors and Volunteers in Action during the three-week series. He covered topics such as visitation: a process of evangelism; how to lead people to Jesus; and how to run a prophecy seminar. He also encouraged people to go out on visitations.

The series was broadcast live on a local radio station for a fee. There were complaints from some in the community about the topics of the Sabbath and the mark of the beast. These programs did not go to air live but were aired after radio station staff listened to them.

At least one person was baptised who had no intention of coming to the series but started listening to it on the

radio. Others were baptised after tuning in to the radio broadcasts and then coming along to the meetings.

Church members were excited and learned how to share their personal testimonies and lead people to Jesus as part of the World Changers Bible program. Those who were baptised were given a World Changers Bible and trained to be a world changer.

All the churches in Tarawa are now running prophecy seminars. Pastors and volunteer pastors who came from other islands to hear Pastor Webster's series are now sharing it with their communities using DVD recordings.  
—TPUM



Pastor Webster faces candidates.

## Riots slow flood aid

*Honiara, Solomon Islands*

Police were out in force and businesses were evacuated in Honiara, following two nights of riots in the Solomon Islands capital, slowing down the aid effort for those affected by the April flooding.

The riots appear linked to the slow progress of relief and rebuilding efforts following the floods, which left 23 people dead and up to 60,000 people homeless.

The threat of further riots prompted several workplaces—including the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)—to advise their employees to stay home. "People have burned down businesses [and] stormed shops," said ADRA country director Angele Nkou-Deemi. "We only hope the attention will not be directed towards non-government organisations. So far we have not been directly attacked."

At the time of the riots, there were approximately 4000 people still living in evacuation centres.

Mrs Nkou-Deemi said relief efforts were running smoothly prior to the riots. "We implemented our emergency assistance without any problems," she said. "[However], they're not happy with it. They want more. We're currently on standby."—Linden Chuang/Kent Kingston



## PAU radio to roll out nationally

*Koiari Park, Papua New Guinea*

Church and government leaders have met at Pacific Adventist University (PAU), near Port Moresby, to discuss the expansion of Hope Channel television and radio in Papua New Guinea.

During the meeting Papua New Guinea's Communication Minister Jimmy Miringtoro and representatives of the NICTA telecommunications licensing authority approved "in principle" a nationwide rollout of PAU's popular gospel radio station 2G 97FM, rebranded as Hope Channel Radio.

"A licence is in place; equipment is being purchased," said Dr Leigh Rice, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Papua New Guinea.

Mr Miringtoro assured church leaders that a Hope Channel television licence would be issued after 2017, when PNG switches to digital broadcasting. He recommended the Church start the process of negotiating a broadcasting agreement with service providers.

Dr Ben Schoun, a vice-president of the General Conference, and Gregg Scott, senior vice-president of Adventist World Radio, also attended the meetings and toured the 2G studio along with Adventist Media Network CEO Neale Schofield. Dr Schoun and Mr Scott were instrumental in securing the initial funding for the radio station and were pleased to see it in operation. PAU has also been identified as an ideal location for a media centre to be built.—Jeffrey Kotokoto/Kent Kingston



The future is bright for 2G 97FM.



## Ordinary

James Standish

"It's a little complicated." That's how I respond when people ask me where I'm from. Which they do. Often.

Accents help to fit the people we meet into a box. Nation, region, in some cases even education level or economic class. But my accent doesn't quite fit in any box.

For good reason. I've lived in Australia, Asia, Europe and North America. From kindy through to 12th grade, I attended nine different schools in five different countries. I first left home at the tender age of 13 to live with an American family in remote northern Thailand. And each experience and location left its sonic mark. In Australia I'm called American. In the US, it's confusing—Vermont maybe? Or is it New Brunswick? Wherever it is, it's definitely not here.

This astonishingly varied upbringing came about because my parents were missionaries. At the time, missionaries were the action heroes of the Adventist world. Not paid like them. Not rewarded like them. But they were the stars of the stories we told ourselves.

And not without reason.

Move your family to a foreign culture to share Jesus? Face race riots, a communist insurgency and violent crime? Our family went through it all. Our home was robbed by knife-wielding thugs, a bomb went off across our road killing six people, my dad was held at gunpoint by communist guerrillas, we lived through military coups, wars on the border, disease outbreaks and physical threats. People with exotic diseases were healed; children in desperate need were helped; amazing conversions occurred. And that is just the tip of the iceberg.

I thought of this when a friend related a conversation he'd had with his son. The son commented, in the casually cutting way teenagers can, that his father had never done anything remarkable for Jesus. Sure, he talked a good talk. But where is his backpack full of stories of danger and derring-do for Christ? My friend is just one of those guys who perfects his profession, gets married and remains loyal, gives his children a stable, loving, supportive home, pays tithes, gives offerings and volunteers around the church.

No mission stories here, folks. Just keep moving. You're looking at just another ordinary Adventist.

But, it turns out, there is nothing ordinary about a Christian life well lived—no matter where it occurs. And if you don't believe me, consider the probabilities for a minute.

First, there are the fathers who are responsible for a non-existent or failed marriage. Of fathers who remain in marriage, there are those with substance abuse problems, violent, gamblers or aren't excessively keen on work. Put it all together and being a loving, committed father who provides for his family is something that's very far from ordinary.

But that's only the beginning. According to McCrindle Research, only about 8 per cent of Australians attend church once a month. So if your father is not only committed to your mother, but is also committed to God, you are in very rare company. And even among Australian Adventists, only two-thirds return tithes. And only one Adventist family in three has family worship.

A committed father who regularly attends church, pays tithes and organises family worship. What an incredibly exceptional person he is!

And, it turns out, absolutely vital.

You see, all the mission stories you will ever hear; all the church growth statistics, the new initiatives, the future plans. All of them are built on faith in God and the contributions of the exceptional people we call "ordinary" Adventists. If every Adventist decided to pick up and go paddling canoes down jungle rivers tomorrow, the mountains of good our community does in this world would rapidly evaporate.

And this has been true since the time of Christ, when "ordinary" people provided the food, accommodation, finance and, ultimately, the tomb.

It's people like my friend who are the solid trunk of the Church that everything else hangs from. He volunteers tirelessly to keep the local church healthy. He is raising his children in the fear of the Lord. He contributes financially and steadily year after year. He loves God with all his heart and strength and lives out the life he is called to. It turns out, "ordinary" Adventists are not ordinary at all. Quite the opposite. They are remarkably extraordinary.

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## Following Jesus—really

Kent Kingston

What does it really mean to “follow Jesus”? How literally are we supposed to take it? Should we all, at the age of 30—just when we’re supposed to be getting sensible—abandon our careers and families and couch-surf our way around the country, teaching, healing, exorcising demons and aggravating our leaders?

I live next to Lake Macquarie in New South Wales. Its dimensions are basically the same as the Sea of Galilee, with settlements dotted along each side. And about as far north as Galilee is from Jerusalem, Lake Macquarie is from Sydney.

It’s an uncanny geographical resemblance that has triggered strange thoughts of living out the Jesus story in my own local area—journeying on foot from township to township, staying at the homes of friendly people I meet along the way, visiting a different church each Sabbath, walking the 100 kilometres to Sydney a couple of times per year for Passover/Easter and similar festivals.

Is this what it means to really follow Jesus? Well, maybe I’m being hyper-literal, but I fear my more typical opposite reaction: Of course Jesus didn’t mean looking at someone lustfully is as bad as adultery—it’s just a figure of speech. I know the commandment says I shouldn’t covet, but wanting that gadget is my motivation to save my money responsibly. I know Jesus said if we give a stranger a room, it’s like we’re caring for Him, but this guy doesn’t smell like Jesus—he stinks!

That’s how I usually explain away the inconvenient verses in the Bible that challenge me to think or act differently. They’re metaphorical, they’re written for a different time and culture, they’re hyperbole—exaggeration for literary effect. Or if I just think about the challenge for a long while, turning the idea over in my head, maybe reading some more on the topic, even posting a pithy quote on Twitter... and, well, eventually I’ll get over it and move on to something else—my mind neutralised, my life unchanged.

Is it desperation for an escape from this cycle of spiritual atrophy that leads to thoughts (aka more passive speculation) of wandering homeless around the grassy verges of Lake Macquarie? But, of course, the change required is so huge—and possibly ridiculous—that it will be added to the inert mountain of other untested challenges.

I’m starting to suspect that these wild ideas are a way to avoid the next simple act of obedience Jesus is calling me to—waking up early enough to spend some time with Him, loving my family by cleaning the kitchen, to be-friending my neighbour, giving generously to the relative who asks for help.

I still believe that God has some kind of astounding challenge or heart-breaking sacrifice in store for everyone who is truly submitted to Him. But I’m gradually realising that the way for me to literally follow Jesus isn’t about grandiose gestures. Instead it’s one small, unremarkable, obedient step at a time.

*Kent Kingston is assistant editor of Adventist Record.*

## Time is the stuff

Julie and I enjoyed a rare day just relaxing together yesterday. It was her birthday so we drove up into the Barrington Tops National Park. We took lunch and enjoyed sitting at a picnic table in a small bush park surrounded by towering rainforest trees full of elk horns, staghorns, crows nests and orchids. In one of the small trees just 8 metres from us there were no fewer than six kookaburras waiting for us to toss them a tasty morsel. They were so unafraid of humans that one actually flew down and Julie stroked its back.

As we sat there we reflected on just how good it was to spend time together. Whether it be with a spouse, family members, close friends or even work colleagues, time is the currency that builds relationship. For many, it is so important that it’s their primary love language. More than just about anything else, time spent in the company of another makes caring and loving possible.

Who are the people who are important to you? Think about how much time you have spent with them recently. I am not talking about time spent in the same house or in the same vicinity. I am talking about time when you have actually been communicating—or even better, communing. By “communing” I mean building your relationship. I mean mixing the cement that holds you together.

Healthy human beings need relationships. Relationships need time. That’s it. It’s that simple. It really is!



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



### Hope floats

After 34 years in service, a medical ship operated by Youth With A Mission is being retired, and replaced by a \$A6.5 million dollar catamaran, the MV Ammari. The new ship will work throughout the islands of Papua New Guinea, providing medical services, health advice and community development to remote coastal communities. —YWAM



### Divestment

The Anglican Church in New Zealand and Polynesia has voted to stop supporting the fossil fuel industry through its investments, and will sell all fossil fuel shares by 2016. Support for the vote was strong amongst delegates from the Pacific islands, where climate change and rising sea levels are an immediate issue. —*Anglican News*



### Choosing junk food

Health experts are warning that Australia is facing a “tsunami” of chronic disease, as research results show Australians eat 30 per cent less fruit and veg than they did 15 years ago. Only 7 per cent of respondents include the recommended five daily servings of vegetables in their diet. —*Sydney Morning Herald*



### Saying sorry

Seventh-day Adventist leaders in Germany have apologised to the Adventist Reformed churches, which split from the denomination in the early months of World War I. The leaders said the Church in 1914 was wrong to encourage members to bear arms and fight on Sabbath, and shouldn't have treated dissenters harshly. —*APD*



### Controversial

The Anglican Church in New Zealand and Polynesia has put into place a four-year process that will allow clergy to formally bless same-sex relationships, if they choose to do so. Dissenting clergy will be protected. The decision has been greeted with both celebration and dismay, highlighting Anglican divisions on the issue. —*Taonga News*



### Fresh idea

The City of Melbourne is discussing a controversial plan to make the CBD the world's first completely smoke-free city within three years. The council has already approved smoking bans in six areas after seeing strong community support. However, Victorian premier Denis Naphine described a ban across the entire city centre as “entirely unworkable”. —*Nine MSN*

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## Nursing course grows despite downturn

Cooranbong, New South Wales

The most popular course at Avondale, Nursing, continues to grow despite a decrease in enrolment at the college of higher education.

Enrolment for semester one is 1308. This equates to 494 when measured as the equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL), a decrease of 20 over the previous record. EFTSL relates directly to income.

It appears Avondale is not the only higher education provider dealing with the financial cost of lower enrolment. "The majority of the university sector has taken a hit as well—in many cases sharper than Avondale's," president Professor Ray Roennfeldt said. "But the fact remains that we have to work through this situation."

The less-than-expected enrolment is perplexing because Avondale made a record number of course offers—455 as of the end of February, an increase of almost 2.5 per cent on

the same period in 2013. Director of advancement Colin Crabtree described this figure as "encouraging", as universities are offering an uncapped number of Commonwealth supported places. "[It's] a testament to the dedication of all Avondale staff involved in student recruitment," he said.

The Bachelor of Nursing is still the course that enrolls most students—337—at Avondale. Three postgraduate courses—the Graduate Diploma of Ministry and Theology, the Master of Nursing and the Doctor of Philosophy—recorded notable EFTSL increases. —*Brenton Stacey*



Nursing graduate in the workplace.

Photo: Colin Chuang

## Event moulds and supports pastors' families

Deuba, Fiji

Pastors' families from the Fiji Mission gathered at the Deuba Mission campsite for a retreat from April 30 to May 4.

About 200 Partners in Ministry (PIM) and Pastors' Kids (PKs) attended the retreat, the first meeting of its kind in a decade. It was designed to offer encouragement to the families of ministers,

who may often feel left out in a pastor's busy schedule. Many participants expressed the hope that it would become an annual event.

The theme of the retreat was "Mould me Master Builder", shared by guest speaker Dr Nemani Tausere, himself the son of a pastor. He pointed out four things he remembered from his father's life: Bible, prayer, worship and love.

PIMs were challenged to refocus on their important role in the ministry, revive their relationship with Jesus, their husband, family and the Church. PKs enjoyed creative activities, swimming in the crystal water of Deuba, a campfire night with singing and sharing issues they faced growing up in pastors' families. —*Taravosa Lutunaliwa*



Some of the PKs performing.

## Recovery program launched

Stuarts Point, New South Wales

A 12-step recovery program to help people overcome pain and depression was launched by South Pacific Division president, Dr Barry Oliver, at the North New South Wales (NNSW) camp meeting at Stuarts Point.

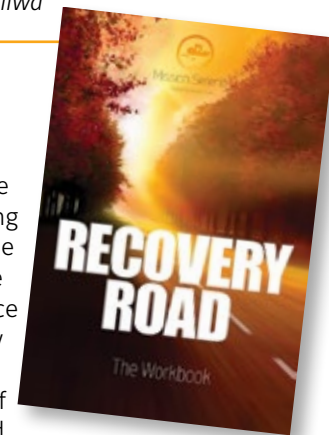
*Recovery Road* is designed for a small group setting and consists of three books: a workbook, participants' guide, and leaders' guide. It's based on the Beatitudes, and is full of quotes from Adventist leaders like Marvin Moore and Ellen White.

In launching the program, Dr Oliver said he was excited that there was now a mechanism for healing that was practical and easy to implement. "The Church and its people have long waited for a program like *Recovery Road*, to move through our brokenness and start a healing culture within our churches," he said.

Michelle Hood, author and co-founder of Mission Serenity, spent the past four years researching and writing the books. "I am so pleased to see the books published," she said. "We have been heavily involved in recovery since 2007 and have run many life recovery programs over the past eight years."

Pastor Justin Lawman, president of the NNSW conference, sees the need for such a resource. "The Church should be the first place we should share our problems . . . [our reluctance] is slowing down the growth of our movement."

The books are available at <[www.missionserenity.org.au](http://www.missionserenity.org.au)> or through some Adventist Book Centres. —*Pablo Lillo*



## E-Giving gets an E-dit

Wahroonga, New South Wales

God doesn't need our money, of course, but we need to give; it's part of being spiritually healthy. And the new e-giving systems make staying in spiritual shape easier.

South Pacific Division treasurer Rod Brady puts it this way: "It's a service we provide to help people with rushed, modern lives to be financially faithful." And, judging from the number of people accessing it, it's convenience that is widely appreciated.

There are limitations to the system, however. Specifically, it's governed by charities law, tax law and by General Conference policy. "We try to make sure all our t's are crossed and i's dotted, but sometimes we find we have to make a change to comply with the rules, regulations and policies governing the system," Mr Brady said.

In the process of reviewing e-giving reports recently it was pointed out that accepting money through the system for entities that are not actually part of the organised Church is a major compliance problem. "Unfortunately, that means we can't continue to accept donations for supporting ministries through the e-giving system or the tithes and offerings system," Mr Brady said. "Although the change only impacts a small percentage of e-giving donations, we know this will

inconvenience people with a heart to give. Some supporting ministries such as Asian Aid have their own online giving system that can be utilised. We sincerely regret having to make the change. The e-giving system still offers a wide variety of giving options for tithe and offerings through to special projects and ADRA." —James Standish



Rod Brady.

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# A 'holey' place

by Bianca Reynaud

Churches are holy places, but flooding through the flat concrete roof of the Avondale College church has seen the building become a “holey” place. Compounding the problem is that unlike other churches, the building is the premier performing arts venue and the spiritual centre for college students.

Water has been leaking through the roof for a long time, essentially from when the building opened on March 8, 1988. An airflow unit, which sat on the roof, eventually stopped functioning. A wet-seal membrane protecting the roof has deteriorated—even a resealing about five years ago did not stop the leaks.

This has become a major work health and safety issue—the church closed for a time this past year after sections of the ceiling collapsed to the floor. “We have a duty of care to those who use the building,” Avondale president Professor Ray Roennfeldt said. “So despite our tight fiscal position we’re committed to fixing the problem.”

Water leaking onto musical instruments, particularly those remaining permanently on the stage, concerns Avondale Conservatorium director Aleta King. The conservatorium uses the building to host its Avondale Concert Series, including the meditative and reflective music program, *Evensong*, and gala events such as last year’s Homecoming concert, *War and Peace*. “The combined replacement value of the instruments is in the region of six figures,” Ms King said. She described Lady Elle, the newly refurbished Yamaha concert grand piano that Avondale has owned for 40 years, and the Johannus organ, as “irreplaceable”.


They’ve come up with a solution to the problem: building a pitched roof. “We made the decision: rather than continuously repair the membrane, to roof straight over the top,” assistant property manager James Moncrieff said. The roof, insulated to prevent a build-up of moisture on

the inside, will also protect a new airflow unit and louvres, and keep the sun off the concrete roof, reducing heat inside the building.

Protecting the building to enhance its performance space is in keeping with the vision of those who designed it. Former senior lecturer in mathematics, Dr Wilf Pinchin, an expert on acoustics, reverberation and performance space, served as a member of the construction committee. He recommended a reverberation that would suit a range of activities—from orchestral music to spoken word. The building is “versatile”, with many surfaces of different sizes that break up the sound—this makes congregational singing sound full, for example. The main reason for the building’s versatility is “to prepare broad-based students,” Dr Pinchin said. The building, with minor changes, can be adapted to hear a drama or sermon without echo or to hear choirs and orchestras by adding electronic reverberation for atmosphere and depth.

Today’s Avondale College of Higher Education offering will contribute to the \$650,000 needed to build the pitched roof. The most recent offering in 2012 also had a music focus, raising \$144,000 to restore and enhance the historic Music and Greer Halls on the Lake Macquarie campus. “Your generosity improved the Avondale experience for our music students,” Dr Roennfeldt said. “Your response to the offering this year will do the same, and it will also restore and protect our holy place.”

College chaplain, Dr Wayne French, said the building’s physical restoration is important. “When I think about worship, I think about Friday nights and Sabbath mornings in College Church,” he said. “The building has a grandeur that focuses your attention up toward God.” Its design also creates a sense of community. “The students seem close to you. It’s just such a friendly and easy place to connect.”



# another day's work

by Edward Teo

**I** AWAKEN TO THE EAR-PIERCING BEEPS OF A PAGER screaming for my attention early on a Saturday morning. My shift partner, equally semi-comatose from the pre-dawn callout, stumbles into my makeshift bedroom and grunts, "It's a 70-year-old with a cardiac arrest." Afraid I'll fall back asleep if I close my eyes again, I say a short prayer under my breath, stuff my clumsy feet into my dusty duty boots, and quickly catch-up to my partner who has already got the lights and sirens blaring.

When I became a Seventh-day Adventist this was not how I imagined spending my Sabbath mornings. But since choosing to study medicine, God has brought me closer to understanding the miracle of life He has blown with loving care into each and every one of us. He knew us before we were even born (see Jeremiah 1:5).

God has given us beautiful minds to yearn for love, to ponder with curiosity and to ask questions that seek the truth. It's no surprise that humans—Christian or not—continue to reach for the stars in the hope of finding the answer to our biggest question: the reason for our existence.

We crave for knowledge yet we are naively blinded by our own overzealous search. Perhaps the answer to creation is already staring us in the face; we just have to look up (see Isaiah 40:26).

We arrive at Mr Smith's house. Standing in the doorway is Mrs Smith, delicately dressed in a warm, pink and fluffy bathrobe with matching slippers. She calmly points us to the bathroom, before retreating to her bedroom and plonking herself down on the edge of her bed. It's surprising how calm she was; her eyes glassy and darkened with sadness, but she had a certain peaceful resilience about her that I won't forget.

The bathroom is surprisingly small for Mr Smith and the two of us there to help him—not to mention it is a very warm summer's night. Mr Smith had finished on the toilet when he apparently collapsed onto the floor. We immediately start giving him oxygen, commence chest compressions and gain intravenous access, before hooking him up

to a multitude of wires to read the rhythm of his heart.

Mr Smith's heart has stopped beating. We continue CPR and advanced life support measures for an hour and 20 minutes. There are moments where we think the heart starts beating again, but unfortunately it can't sustain itself. There's no strict protocol with how long you should continue doing CPR, but we know it's time. And so we stop. This is the first cardiac arrest I have attended. And you don't forget it—especially the person and their family.


Just as God has blessed us with the miracle of life, we are constantly reminded of its fragility on this earth. I always wonder what Jesus would think if He was still here to see how far modern medicine has come. Ironically, it still isn't enough to save everyone. But, however cliché it sounds, so long as we try our best—one person at a time—we can make a small but treasured difference. And that's

all God asks of us: that we go forth as His ambassadors into the world, as spiritual healers to touch and soften the hearts of those around us so that they may come to find Him as we have.

I treasure my final moments with Mrs Smith. Disheartened and sweaty, I break the bad news that we were un-

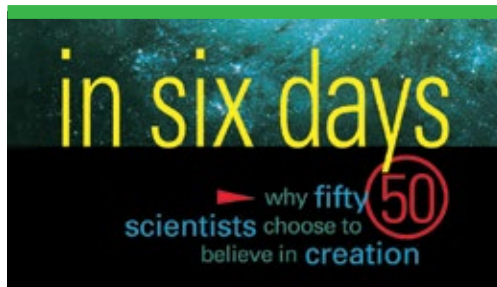
able to revive her husband. She forces a smile and utters, "Thank you. I've been praying for him to go to rest." Mr Smith had been battling pancreatic cancer for the past five years.

Before we leave, seeing that I am dishevelled after my first encounter with death, she takes my hand once more and reassures me. And there I am for the briefest of moments the humbled patient, and there she is, the comforting physician.

By the time we return to the ambulance the sun is finally rising. The shift finishes with no other jobs and I get back home just in time to clean up for Sabbath School. God leaves us everyday miracles to reflect on, even during the busiest of times—all we have to do is to remember to look up to see them (see Matthew 7:7). 

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**... what Jesus  
would think if He  
was still here to  
see how modern  
medicine has come.**



### Still a bestseller

Fifteen years after its publication in 1999, Dr John Ashton's book *In Six Days: Why 50 scientists choose to believe in creation* is still selling strongly—often being listed as Number 3 of the bestselling books on creationism by Amazon.com. The Adventist scientist and author's latest book, *Evolution Impossible*, is also proving to be popular. In early May, Koorong ranked the book Number 7 of the top 20 bestselling Christian books by Australian authors. —*John Ashton*

### Blessings by boat

Vanuatu Mission recently purchased a new fiberglass boat and a 40HP outboard engine to support the work of the Church in the remote regions of the country. The boat was presented to the people of the South Malakula District on April 27. "This boat is to service the work of God in parts of Vanuatu that are very isolated and where transportation is difficult," said Pastor Nos Terry. —*TPUM newsletter*

### Service in Smithton

A team of 14 young people from Glenorchy, Rosny, Launceston and Burnie Adventist churches came together in April to run a STORMco at Smithton (Tas). The team ran a kids' club program each morning under the theme of "Weird Animals". Approximately 50 kids from the community took part in the activities throughout the week. —*Tasda*



### Bibles for Bomana

Operation Food For Life (OFFL) volunteers presented 60 Bibles to inmates at Bomana Women's Prison near Port Moresby (PNG) in May. The South Pacific Division's Youth Ministries department provided the Bibles as part of its World Changers initiative. The women of Bomana showed their appreciation for the gift, and for the years of love and encouragement provided by OFFL, by singing "Thank You God" for volunteers. —*Dennis Perry*

### PhD gives health tick to CHIP

A 30-day lifestyle intervention delivered by volunteer facilitators in their communities significantly improves the health of participants, research by an Avondale PhD student shows. Dr Paul Rankin examined the low-fat, plant-based Coronary Health Improvement Program (CHIP). He based his thesis on a study of 5070 people who took part in one of 178 CHIP interventions delivered by volunteers in Canada and the United States between 2006 and 2009. The research has helped establish credibility for CHIP in the medical community. Dr Rankin is co-author of six journal articles, with the American College of Lifestyle Medicine describing one in the *American Journal of Cardiology* as "some of the most impressive recorded clinical changes ever". —*Brenton Stacey*



### Fiji Mission school baptisms

Twenty students from Navesau Adventist High School were baptised on March 29. A week earlier, two teachers, one teacher's wife and 19 students from Vatuvonu Adventist College (pictured above) also gave their lives to Christ. "It is great to see Adventist schools in Fiji are not only teaching students but also discipling them for Jesus," Fiji Education director Savenaca Ramakosoji said. —*TPUM newsletter*

### Seeking inspiration

Adventist leaders in Sydney (NSW) gathered at Mountain View Adventist College in April for the Conference's annual Inspire training event. Pastor Elbert Kuhn, director of the Adventist Mission in Mongolia, served as keynote speaker at the three-day event, which also included a number of worships aimed at teaching and resourcing leaders. —*Rachel Aitken*

### Lest we forget

Adventists across Australia and New Zealand took part in Anzac Day memorial services in late April. The Greater Sydney Conference conducted a special program during its Inspire training weekend, as did the North New South Wales Conference at its annual camp. Pathfinders in Christchurch marched in the city's Anzac Day parade on April 25. —*Record staff*

# Companions of growth

by Mark Webster

**T**HE CHOKO VINE IN OUR BACKYARD HAS BEEN there for years. When we moved in, however, the plant was small and weak. The previous tenants didn't like choko so they did little to encourage it to grow—in fact they actively discouraged it.

My wife has a special love for the much misunderstood fruit and took care of it. She improved the soil, watered it and supported its growth. Naturally it thrived—so much so that just recently my wife brought in a harvest of 10 kilos.

It's common sense that while some actions help care for and stimulate plant growth, others have the opposite effect. The same is true of human relationships, but often this is far less understood.

Some people cannot see, or choose to look past, the potential of others—they abuse, neglect and take advantage. Much of the challenge of poverty, and particularly for Christians aiming to tackle it, is to counter this destructive attitude—to stand with the poor and vulnerable, to encourage development and growth, and be the active companions people need to thrive.

Solomon clearly recognised the amazing transformations that can occur when people work and grow together. In Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 he writes, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: if one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!"

Chipo\* (pictured above with her children) has experienced both sides of this equation. She had married a loving man who provided for her and their three children but in 2001 tragedy struck—her husband passed away.

Grieving, alone and made increasingly vulnerable by Zimbabwe's failing economy, Chipo sought refuge with her uncle. Unable to have children with his wife, Chipo's uncle tried to take advantage of her. Afraid, Chipo and her children fled to her father's house but quickly discovered her stepmother didn't want them there either.

"I had nothing to eat or even proper clothes to wear

and my children were treated as my stepmother's slaves," she said. Tired of the abuse and injustice, Chipo left to find work in a nearby town, but without her protection her children were chased out of their grandfather's home.

Chipo's life then took a turn for the better. She fell in love, re-married and her new husband agreed to have her children come to live with them. Sadly, he soon started to drink excessively, withhold money from her, beat her and sleep around. And then she discovered she was HIV positive.

"I felt hopeless. My whole family had abandoned me and the one person who I thought would be there for me, betrayed me. Many times I thought of ending my life but I fought on for my children."

Then Chipo found and joined ADRA's Wealth in the Soil project and was provided with the support she needed to persevere.

Along with a crop she can sell and use to feed her family, Chipo gained something of much greater value.

"The garden provided me with a source of social support. I have met people there who have become my real family," she said. "They supported me when I felt down, when I struggled and when I had nothing to eat."

Being connected to a caring community has inspired Chipo to work hard and provide for her family. Today, she is also a source of strength and encouragement for others with HIV and provides a helping hand to the elderly.

Both Chipo and the choko plant remind me that no matter how busy I am or how sorry I feel, if I am not actively working together with others to promote growth and provide the conditions people need to thrive, I am not doing what Corinthians 13 calls me to do—and that is to love. **R**

Become a Companion for Growth before June 30 and help others like Chipo to thrive!

Simply complete the form in this *Adventist Record*, visit <[www.adra.org.au/companionsforgrowth](http://www.adra.org.au/companionsforgrowth)> or call 1800 242 372. \*Name changed for privacy.

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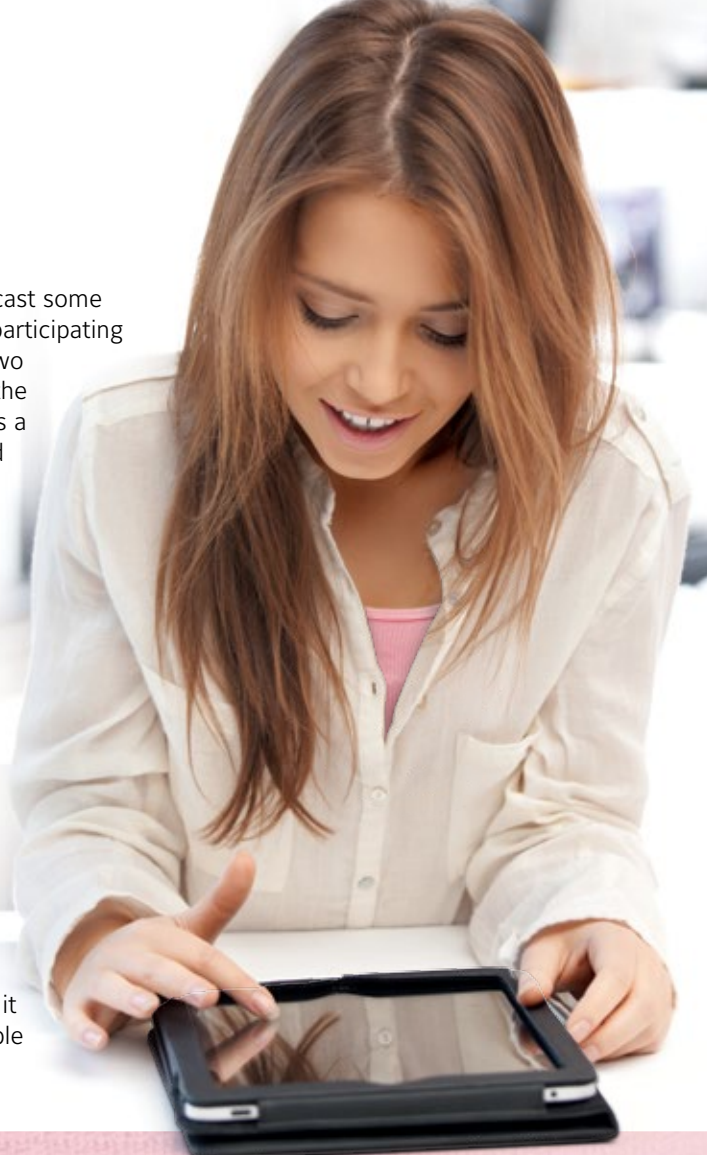
## Digital listening

A recent report from the University of Queensland has cast some light on what can lead to decreased wellbeing for people participating in online social networks. Researchers split subjects into two groups: one was not allowed to share any information on the social network for 48 hours; the other group shared, but as a result of the restrictions placed on the first group, received little or no engagement with what they posted.

What they found was that those who received no response to the information they shared felt ostracised, had lower levels of belonging, control, meaning in their existence and lower self-esteem. Researchers pointed out that unlike face-to-face conversations where there is a clear need to respond straight away, we don't feel the same obligation when someone shares their thoughts online through social media and people can feel like they aren't being "listened" to.

In this context, listening can become invisible; our friends and family can't see us taking in the information like they would in a face-to-face conversation and can unintentionally be left with a feeling of being ignored.

It's a timely reminder that we don't always have to offer a grand gesture or life-changing advice to those we care about to have a positive impact on their wellbeing. All it can take is to let them know we are listening, be it through sitting down for a chat or, in some cases, the simple click of a button.



### Red lentil and tomato soup

Preparation time: 6 minutes    Cooking time: 35 minutes    Serves: 4

<b>1 tbsp oil</b>	<b>850g can chopped tomatoes (reduced salt)</b>
<b>1 medium onion, chopped</b>	<b>415 can tomato soup (reduced salt)</b>
<b>2 cloves garlic, crushed</b>	<b>1 tsp salt</b>
<b>2 tsp ground coriander</b>	<b>2 zucchini, grated</b>
<b>2 tsp ground cumin</b>	
<b>500g dried red lentils</b>	
<b>7 cups water</b>	

1. In a large saucepan heat oil and saute onion, garlic and spices.
2. Add washed lentils, water, tomatoes and soup and bring mixture to the boil.
3. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Add zucchini and salt and simmer for a further 5 minutes.


**NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE:** 1460kJ (350cal). Protein 23g. Fat 6g. Carbohydrate 45g. Sodium 146mg. Potassium 1170mg. Calcium 135mg. Iron 7.5mg. Fibre 14g.



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# God's Worker more than meets the eye

Michael Worker with James Standish

**S**OME MIGHT SAY I HAD A VERY BROKEN upbringing. There is no doubt that at times I've felt unworthy to be an Adventist leader because of my past. I have slowly learned that I don't have to be ashamed of my past; that I can be acceptable and accepted for who I am.

My parents were both from Launceston, Tasmania, and married when they were both 19, having me at age 21. Then my mum left. I was 16 months old when she walked out on my dad and I. There was little warning and my dad found it terribly hard. Today we'd say she suffered from post-partum depression.

A while later my dad and I moved from Tasmania to Melbourne; to his parents' home so they could help support him bringing me up. As a small child I spent a lot of time with them and they continued to play a significant role throughout my childhood. Dad remarried when I was five, which provided me with a mother. I can still remember the gazebo at the wedding. In those days you couldn't do a single parent adoption, so my dad and new mum adopted me together. Now I have two different birth certificates, both with the same father but with different mothers.

When I was 12 my dad decided he could no longer stay in the marriage. He moved in with another man—it took me a while to realise that he had come out of the closet. I missed him and was devastated that he was no longer at home. For a long time I would sit looking out the front win-

dow after school hoping he would come home. He didn't, and home life went on without him.

Despite all of this, I always had a good relationship with my dad. And I still do. He thought I was the perfect child! I wouldn't say we're especially close but we always enjoy the time we spend together.

For a period of time dad and his partner moved in down the street from my adoptive mum and me. My paternal grandparents lived across the street from dad so I saw them on a regular basis. When my mum wanted to punish

me, she'd send me down to dad's so he could discipline me. But as I said, he thought I was a great kid so he'd sit me on the couch, give me a can of Coke and let me watch TV. After an hour or so he'd send me home, telling me not to upset my mum and to look sad.

On my 14th birthday, out of the blue, I got a birthday card from my birth mother. It was the first time I'd heard from her since she left. Dad had told me I had a birth mother and he was always careful never to

present her negatively to me.

Soon after the card arrived, my birth mother came to visit. My adoptive mum was very nervous and felt threatened by her presence. I didn't know what to expect as I'd never known her. I got to know her and a year and-a-half later I went to Tasmania for a month's holiday with her over Christmas. I really enjoyed the time I had with my birth mother so I decided to stay. My adoptive mum went to the

**And so every day he prayed that somehow God would intervene in my life—that I would have the opportunity to know that I was a child of God.**

Family Court to get me back. But I was almost 16 so I had the right to make the decision. I know it was hard on my adoptive mum. She had a child before she married my dad but the baby had been adopted out and she had no contact with him. So when I came along, I filled the child-sized hole in her heart. I know it was tough for her but it was such a time of turmoil and discovery for me; it was just something I had to do for myself.

What I didn't know was that not long before I received that birthday card from my birth mum, she'd become an Adventist. I'd never heard of Adventists.

I'd never been a church attendee unless you counted the time when I was about 14 when, for a while, I went to an Anglican Church with a girlfriend. I enjoyed heckling the youth leader. At the time I thought there was no future for religion. It didn't seem to do anything for anyone. And I assumed the whole thing would die out in a generation. Later on when I came to know Jesus, I went back and visited the youth leader to apologise.

Mum took me to Tassie camp. Andrew Kingston was the youth speaker. He really impressed me. Allan Walshe, the Tassie youth director, knew how to engage young people and roped me in to help out with the PA at camp. It gave me a sense of belonging.

Not long after I decided to stay with my birth mum, her second marriage broke up. Her husband was not an Adventist and her conversion became an issue, among other things.

At the same time my life was unravelling. I got involved with the wrong friends who were into Ouija boards and I began drinking every day. After months of this, it occurred to me that I might never be able to stop and the thought scared me. I was having success in one area of life however. I made the Australian Junior Squash Championships representing Tasmania. It wasn't as fulfilling as I thought it would be.

The night of my 16th birthday I started questioning what I was doing and where I might end up. I decided to find out more about God. I cried out to God: *Are You there? Are You real?*

I went to Brisbane for the squash championships. I felt convicted not to play on Sabbath, but when I told my squad manager he said I had no choice. So I went ahead and played on Sabbath. It felt wrong and I never did it again.

My mum had begun attending the Launceston Adventist Church. One of the elders there was my great uncle Les Worker. I couldn't believe it. I didn't know him at all but I knew he was my pop's brother and someone my mum had a great deal of respect for. He is the only Adventist on my dad's side of the family. In the 1960s he went to a Billy Graham crusade and gave his life to Christ. George Burnside followed him up and Uncle Les became an Adventist. At this time he began doing Bible studies with me.

My first Sabbath in an Adventist church was Pastor Henry Miller's first in Launceston. He was only there for six

months but he and his wife Roma made my mum and I feel accepted and loved during the tough time after my mum's second divorce.

When I decided to be baptised I knew I wanted him to be the one to baptise me. He graciously did so on his last Sabbath in Launceston.

At my baptism Uncle Les got up and told everyone that he believed I was in the front that day due to intercessory prayer.

He'd been at Dad's second wedding and knowing I was growing up in an agnostic home, worried about my future. "I made a covenant with God at that time, that I'd remember you in my prayers from that day forward," he said. And so every day he'd prayed that somehow God

would intervene in my life—that I would have the opportunity to know that I was a child of God. I didn't see Uncle Les from the time I was five until I was almost 16. Some of you may think it was a coincidence that I ended up in Launceston where I met him and ended up studying the Bible with him. I believe the humble prayers of this faithful man had been heard by God and through a series of unlikely events He had answered them.

I worked hard to fail every subject in Year 11. The first half of the year I was doing everything I could to lose myself with friends and alcohol and I was playing 20 hours of squash a week. Conversely, during the second half of the year I was caught up in Bible study. And, of course, more squash. Between my birth mum's divorce, my foray with the Family Court over custody and everything in between, my life was in complete turmoil. My studies took a back seat. I ended up repeating Year 11—this time I managed to pass.



Michael and Uncle Les on baptism day.



Michael with Pastor Henry Miller.



Michael (centre) with birth mother, father and adoptive mother.



## OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

### Seven signs of Christ's return

#### Sign 4: Global belief in evolution

The fourth of the Bible's seven sure signs of Christ's return is the global disbelief, sadly even among most Christians, that Christ created the world in six days.

1. The Bible is unequivocal that our world was created by Christ in six literal days. Yet Peter predicted that in the end times there would be widespread disbelief in this truth and, as a result, in two other great events—Christ's return in judgement and a universal flood judgement in Noah's day. The almost global belief in evolution and its associated disbelief in a global flood is a precise fulfilment of Peter's prediction. As a result few now believe in the literal return of Jesus.

**Read** Genesis 1:1-2:3; Exodus 20:8-11; Colossians 1:16; 2 Peter 3:3-6.

2. With divine insight Peter spells out the reason for this widespread end time disbelief in creation by God—it's a wilful, deliberate ignorance of the truth stemming from human lust. Sadly, most Christians, and tragically even some who claim to be Seventh-day Adventists, no longer believe in creation by Christ in six literal days or in a global flood.

**Read** 2 Peter 3:3-5.

3. John saw that in the end times, out of His mighty love, God will make a global call to worship Him as Creator. In effect God will say, "Remember Me! Without Me there would be no life. I who fashioned you with My own hands, love you so much that I spread out those same hands on the cross to save you eternally." Little wonder John calls it the everlasting gospel. In reality it portrays a heart-broken Father, longing to be recognised by His children who now see themselves as the products of time and chance.

**Read** Revelation 14:6,7.

Only God could have known 2000 years ago of the global disbelief in His creative power that has taken place in the past 200 years. Perhaps you are tempted to or are already travelling down the dark road to eternal loss that such disbelief will eventually take people. If so, God is pleading with you to turn back right now before the unbelief envelops your soul and it is forever too late. Won't you make that **decision right now?**

*Pastor Gary Webster is director of the Institute of Public Evangelism.*

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During this time my birth mum became a literature evangelist (LE). She worked as an LE for 23 years. She died four years ago from an aggressive brain tumour. We had a complex relationship, but we were at peace with each other and I have long forgiven her for all that happened to me as a child.

My stepmum and I were able to repair our relationship. I actually conducted her third wedding. We talk a couple of times a month. She's still friends with my dad too.

Years ago I decided I wouldn't use my upbringing to define who I am or to use it as an excuse for failure. I realised it was the decisions I made going forward that should define who I am. After becoming an Adventist, I felt like a new dimension had been given to my life. I wanted to tell other people about the amazing grace I had discovered for myself. I thought that having come from such broken circumstances, maybe I could relate to people because I might be able to understand their journey as well.

After I was baptised, Pastor Lynn Burton visited Launceston. I told him I was interested in theology but I didn't know how I could afford it. And I told him I had a fear of public speaking. He convinced me that I could be a minister and that being an LE was a great way to raise money for college and learn some relevant skills. So I sold books for a few months. This, together with financial support from some Launceston church members, gave me a good financial start. From that point on I did everything I could to keep afloat financially, including working in the Avondale College kitchen under Bruce Cantrill and Delmae Heise. Delmae was fantastic—she was like a mother to me the first couple of years I was at college. I also drove the bus and operated the college sound system.

I was operating sound one day when a beautiful girl got up to sing. I thought to myself, "I've got to get to know her!" I chased Maree for six months before she finally relented and agreed to go out with me. We've now been married for more than 20 years. After college, Pastor Ken Vogel took a chance on me, and called me to Western Australia to pastor.

It has taken that long and more to feel comfortable telling my story. I've been embarrassed by my past, thinking that if people knew about my childhood they would judge me. And maybe I just wanted to project that I have it all together. Even today in performance appraisals, I get feedback that people find me aloof. I know it takes me a while to let my guard down because of my past.

I have finally told my story for two reasons: Firstly, I want people to know that it's not where you come from that matters; it's where you are going and who you are going with. I felt rejected by people who should have been there for me. Both parents left me and I grew up in homes that went through three divorces. There is a world of chaos and pain, guilt and shame, in all that accompanies those facts. But it's not our past that matters; it's our future and my future is with God. Yours can be too, no matter what has happened. Secondly, I want people to know that intercessory prayer works! Don't ever negate the power of prayer and how God can work powerfully in lives when we pray for His intervention.

It's His desire to provide every one of His children with a chance to make a deliberate choice for Him. I'm living proof of this. ➤

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LETTERS

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**BEST PRESENT**

Glenda Quin, NSW

I received the best Mother's Day present ever this year. My son and his family gave me "clean, healthy water" for an Asian community courtesy of ADRA. May they enjoy this blessing as much as I enjoyed receiving it.

**SPOT ON**

Josh Wood, NSW

[Re: "Abominations", Editorial, May 17] Spot on! Unfortunately [gossip] seems rife amongst many church groups. We have the notion of being in the world not of the world, yet while we argue about carpet and worship style we allow such abominations to take the forefront of our dealings with people.

As a "welcoming church" are we greeting people with gossip instead of genuine care and love? We've learnt to put on a Sabbath mask and create a hierarchy of sins instead of recognising that there is no hierarchy . . . sin in and of itself is an abomination to God. Finally, is not gossip murder of character? Perhaps we should think of that too!

**POPULAR MESSAGE?**

A E Hobbs, ACT

I read with great interest the article "Why I don't go to Church" (Feature, May 17).

Personally, I long for a church that, once again, places at the forefront of its focus, the three angels' message. I long for there to be a greater emphasis on what Jesus is doing right now for us in the heavenly sanctuary—cleansing the records of His forgiven saints. I long for us to give more attention to what must be done in parallel fashion on earth—consent to the cleansing of our souls and putting our lives in harmony with the law of God.

Sadly, we seem more concerned about producing a weekly

worship service that will make members and non-Adventist guests feel comfortable in their dress, with the music, with the style of worship and with a diluted message of salvation. We seem to be under the misguided notion that we need to offer what people are used to seeing and hearing in the world. But is what we are giving them promoting spiritual life or does it lead to spiritual death?

Our message will never win a popularity contest. The martyrs and prophets will attest to that. But we can give the world what it can never give to us—the unadulterated Word of God.

**REAL AND FRANK**

Scott Charlesworth, PNG

The *Adventist Record* has grown to the point where it's real, relevant, biblical, spiritual and not afraid to tackle difficult subjects. Plus the Australian willingness to be frank, even when it reflects badly on ourselves, gives the *Record* authenticity.

May God continue to bless your team.

**DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH**

Bruce Prince, NSW

1 Peter 3:15 admonishes every Christian to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. Matthew Williams' excellent article "No Apology for Apologetics" (Feature, May 3) puts this admonition in even plainer language than did Peter.

Early in his article, Matthew points out that "apologetics" comes from the Greek word *apologia*, meaning "defence", thus putting to rest the opinions of many that apologetics is about proving their faith to others. The great commission in Matthew 28, together with 1 Peter 3:15, means that every Christian

should have more than a spoon-fed knowledge of God's Word. Sabbath School lessons are good, but without deep, personal Bible study they are inadequate to fulfil these requirements.

Christians and Christianity are under an increasing number of threats. Can Christians defend the authenticity and authority of the Bible? Can they demonstrate that the Bible contains accurate and truthful information and does not contradict itself? Can Christians defend their claim that Jesus Christ is God incarnate (that He took on bodily form) and that Jesus "died for our sins . . . and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)? Can Christianity stand the test of critical scrutiny? How do we explain verses such as 1 Corinthians 11:10?

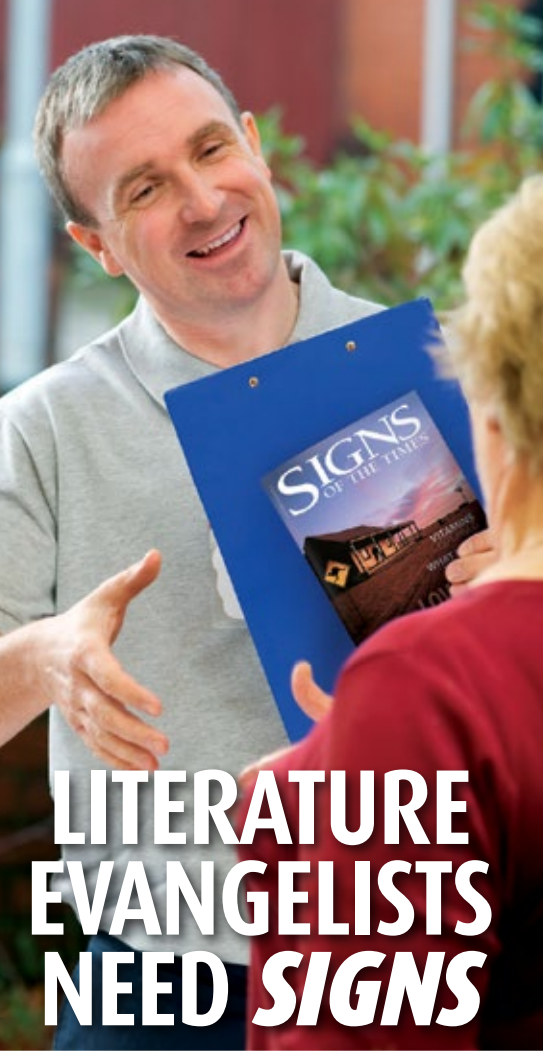
We, as defenders of the faith, need to be prepared, and articles such as Matthew Williams' help to provide a welcome wake-up call.

**WELCOME BACK!**

Danny Bell, WA

I would also like to welcome back Bruce and apologise for us not going after him hard enough the first time he left (Insight, May 17). Who knows, he may have died outside the faith without a Saviour.

Each year around 200 baptised Adventists go missing off our books completely—that means we don't know where they are anymore, they just disappear. Think about all those "Bruces" and how tragic this is. May we as a Church find the guts to do more than just pray and actually get up off our pews for once and track these people down like the Good Shepherd did when he realised one was missing, and potentially save them from a Christless grave.



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## RECORD REWIND

Lester Devine

### Missionary doctor

Harry Willis Miller spent most of his adult life as a missionary surgeon in China. Perpetually busy, he developed the technique subsequently used worldwide for goitre surgery and greatly improved the success rate for this delicate operation, which had previously been extremely hazardous to patients. Dr Miller invented soy milk and developed a number of other vegetarian food products. Fluent in Mandarin, he attracted many wealthy patients whose fees and donations greatly supported the hospital work of the Church in China.

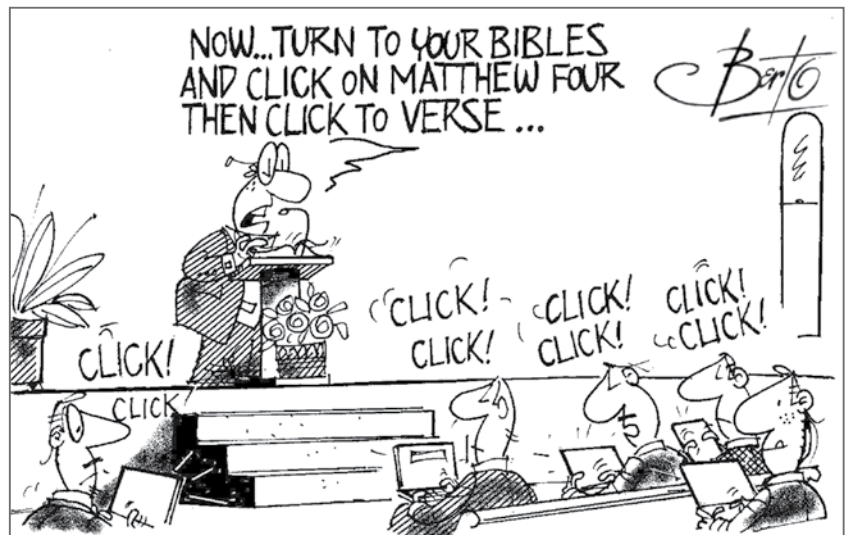


Dr Miller established 16 Adventist hospitals in China before the Communist takeover of the country and 19 in South-East Asia. Twenty-six years after graduating from medical school, Dr Miller sat the medical board examination in Manila. His results were the third highest overall in the group and he received the highest grade ever in the history of the examination program: 100 per cent in surgery. Later he sat the medical board exam to practice in Japan and achieved the best score among the foreign trained doctors sitting the exam with him.

Dr Miller was always very careful not to side with any political faction and was widely trusted by China's leaders before Communism. Marshall Chang Hsueh-liang was a warlord in China and in 1936 in an action of political skulduggery took the country's leader, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, prisoner and held him hostage. Respected by both parties, Dr Miller spent time going back and forth between the central government and the Marshall's headquarters in the Marshall's plane (a Boeing 247), negotiating successfully the release of the Generalissimo and averting a civil war across China. However, things did not work out so well for the young Marshall who spent the rest of his life under house arrest. Following these momentous events Dr Miller treated Chiang Kai-shek for back injuries received while attempting to escape from captivity during the political crisis. In the picture (above) Dr Miller is holding his hat.

Dr Miller never really retired, working well into his nineties until one Sabbath morning he quietly went to his rest while sitting at a table studying his Sabbath School lesson.

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SANNU\* KIDS!

A young lawyer asks Jesus, "Teacher what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replies, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." Then Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan.

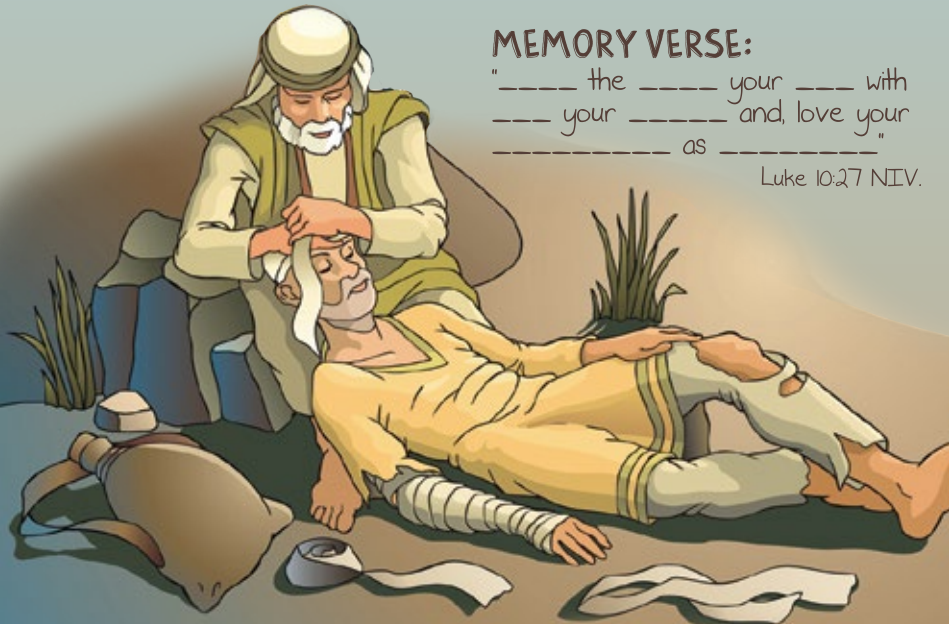
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## ANNIVERSARY



**O'Neill.** Pastor Clarence and Lydia O'Neill celebrated their

60th wedding anniversary on new year's evening with all their family at the home of their youngest son, Daniel, and his wife, Julie, near Canberra, ACT. They all enjoyed wonderful hospitality over four days of the festive season. The large family gathered from many parts of Australia to make the occasion a very memorable

one. Having had eight children, Clarrie and Lydia are now blessed with 24 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The time spent together was a foretaste of the immense joy they are looking forward to when the earth is made new.

## WEDDINGS



**Czaplinski-Brzezniak.** Marek Czaplinski, son of Maria and Roman Czaplinski (Olsztyn, Poland), and

Nicole Brzezniak, daughter of Ruth and George Brzezniak (Adelaide, SA), were married 6.4.14 in the College Park church. Nicole and Marek met in Adelaide, where they plan to set up their home. Their wedding brought together family, friends and work colleagues in a celebration of God's gifts and leading.

*Lilian Panozzo*

**Langley-Oehlmann.** Archibald Langley, son of Barry and Lesley Langley, and Heidi Patricia Oehlmann, daughter of John and Carmen Oehlmann, were married 14.4.14 at Toowoomba Central church. They met and developed a strong friendship at Darling Downs Christian School. Their wedding day beautifully reflected their unique journey. They live in Toowoomba where Archie is an IT consultant and Heidi a primary school teacher. We are blessed to have their commitment in the ministry of the Toowoomba Central church family.

*Andrew Feaveai*



**Meyles-Ace.** Ryan Meyles, son of Michelle and Ron Meyles

(Adelaide, SA), and Candace Ace, daughter of Sherilyn and Mal Ace (Sunshine Coast, Qld), were married 13.4.14 at The Sloping Lawn, Elliott Rd, McLaren Flat. Candace and Ryan will make their

home in Bunbury, WA, where Ryan works as a flight instructor and Candace as a teacher.

*Lilian Panozzo*

## OBITUARIES

**Brown,** Reginald Keith, born 17.11.1923 in Casino, NSW; died 3.1.14 in Lismore. On 22.12.1960, he married Mavis Atkins, who predeceased him in 1996. On 26.12.00, he married Valerie Creely. He is survived by his two sons and their families, Dr Phillip and Sharyn Brown, and children, Tuscany and Jarvis (England); Steven and Marla, Spencer and Carter (USA); Penny and Colin, Trent, Carly and Emma (Brisbane, Qld); Bradley and Jane, Sarah and Sophie Tucker (Clothiers Creek, NSW); and Delmae and Fred Lane (Brisbane, Qld). Reg was a departmental leader for 32 years in conferences and unions, mainly for health and communication. In 1961, he was ordained. He conducted the first Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking in a capital city (Sydney) and the first Dial-a-Prayer, and authored a number of books. A tireless, orderly, determined worker, Reg was a faithful, caring servant of God.

*Ernie Krause, Beth McMurtry*

**Cherry,** Lawrence James, born 12.4.1919 in Peterborough, SA; died 21.4.14 in Avondale Nursing home, NSW. In 1940, he

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moved to Warburton, where he was baptised by Pastor David Sibley. From 1941 to 1945, he was in charge of a military hospital in the Northern Territory. On 5.2.1947, he married Elva McKinlay. He trained at Avondale College and worked as a literature evangelist and pastor at Bundaberg. Later he worked with Pastor Burnside in Brisbane, and then went on to do evangelistic programs around Australia, NZ and South Africa. He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Sandra; and granddaughter, Jaimie; son, Russell, and daughters, Kate and Alyce.

*Bert Cozens*

**Hammond, H Wallace**, born 4.11.1915 in Hawera, NZ; died 7.2.14 in Cooranbong, NSW. In 1942, he married June Miller. He was predeceased by his son, Noel, in 1953 and wife, June, in 1991. He is survived by his sister, Joan Landgren; children, Orel and Don Hosken (Cooranbong, NSW), Andrea and Alan Smedley (Cooranbong), Loina and Rob Martin (Karatha, WA), Corrie and David Lazzam (Sunshine Coast, Qld); 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Following training at the Australasian Missionary College and later at Sydney University, Wal worked for Sanitarium and then entered ministry in 1949. Pastor Hammond was known as a man of prayer and a successful youth leader. He was gifted with a beautiful voice and ministered in several conferences. He was much appreciated for the personal interest he took in people.

*Roger Nixon*

**Martin, Frederick Edwin**, born 22.11.1930 in Broken Hill, NSW; died 14.10.13 in Broken Hill. On 12.12.1972, he married Lorraine Horsted. Fred was father to Margaret, Andrea and Wayne; and grandfather to three grandsons. During his younger days, he was a very active member of the Broken Hill church. He witnessed while in the local hospital and nursing home, and was looking forward to the second coming of Jesus Christ. He leaves behind a devoted family.

*Adam Tonkin*



**Shears, Benjamin James**, born 24.5.1929 in Christchurch, NZ; died 31.3.14 in Timaru.

On 20.12.1950, he married Fay Stafford McPhee in Christchurch. She predeceased him in 2004. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Karen and John Hopkins (Berrien Springs, Michigan) and Phillip and Lorraine Shears (Christchurch, NZ); and grandchildren, Kendall Hopkins (San Francisco, California), Klara Hopkins (Chicago), Daniel Shears (Stavanger, Norway), Sarah Shears (Christchurch, NZ) and Alison and Tristan Parrett (Christchurch). Ben was a loyal and active member of the Timaru church. He was a loving and lovable Christian, and is now at rest.

*Angus McPhee, Paul Gredig*

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# VEGIE DELIGHTS LENTIL PATTIES with Beetroot & Mint Salad with Almond & Honey



Serving suggestion for Lentil Patties

## What you need:

2-3 medium beetroot, peeled, washed and grated (approx. 3 cups)

¾ cup fresh mint, roughly chopped

¼ cup pumpkin seeds, roasted

¼ cup almonds, roasted and roughly chopped

¼ cup dried cranberries.

For the dressing:

1½ Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1½ Tbsp orange juice

1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar

½ Tbsp honey

¼ tsp sea salt

¼ tsp black pepper

1. Dressing: In a bowl, place all ingredients and whisk to combine. Adjust seasoning if required.

2. Salad: Toss together in a large bowl the beetroot, mint, pumpkin seeds, almonds and cranberries. Pour over dressing and lightly toss to cover in the dressing. Serve with cooked lentil pattie.

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