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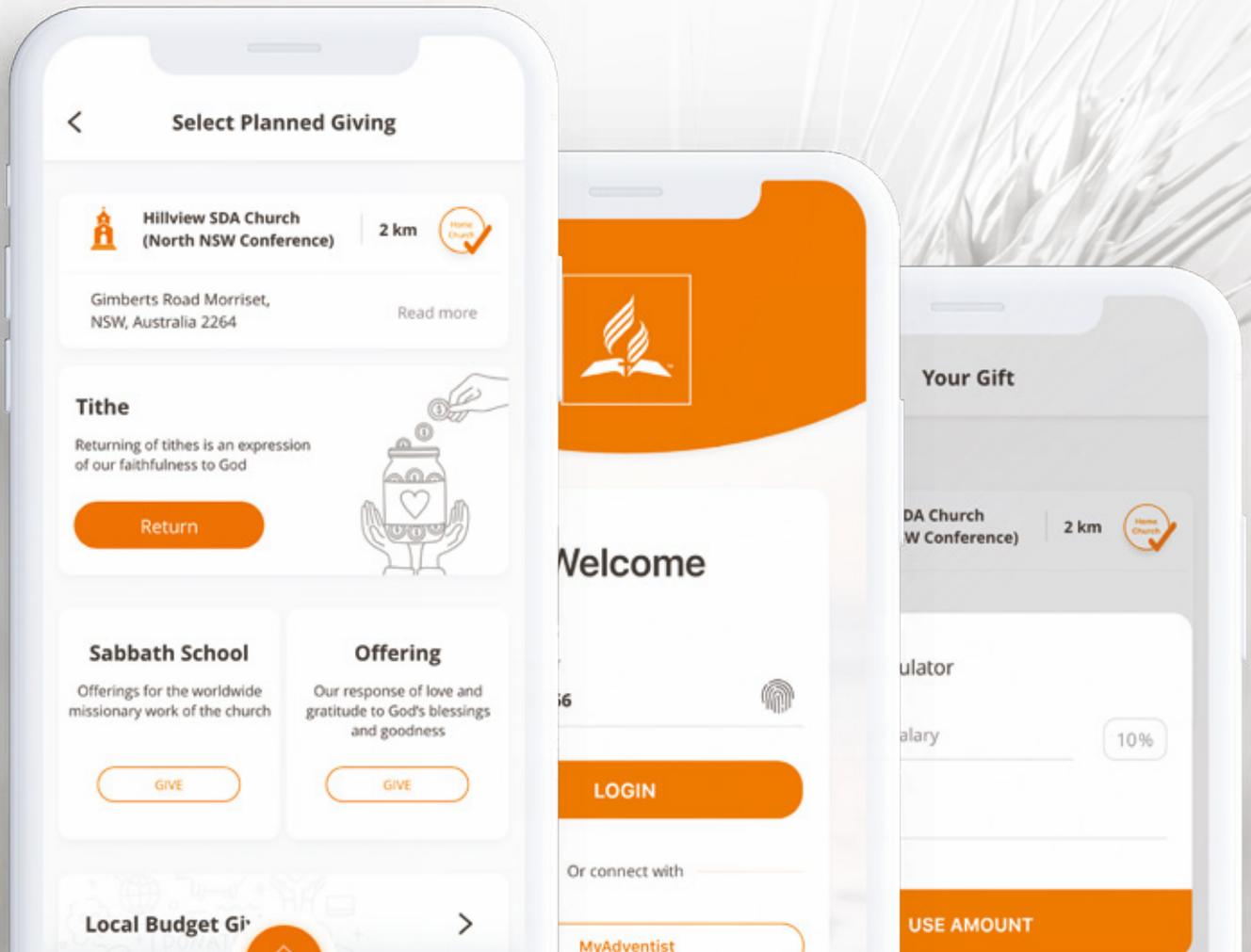
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LIVING THE GOOD LIFE

"Many Christians are at risk of their vision of the good life being unwittingly shaped more by consumerism than by Jesus," says Gershon Nimbaker, Consumed campaign director.

According to a new research report conducted by Consumed and McCrindle Research group, Christians in Australia are far more likely to list financial independence (51%), owning a home (42%), being well regarded (32%) and travelling the world (31%) as defining what it means to live "the good life".

When Jesus promises "life to the full" or "the abundant life" (in John 10:10), is this what He meant? Is there anything wrong with possessions and comfort?

I guess that depends.

Recently infamous televangelist Benny Hinn renounced some of his former "prosperity gospel" teachings . . . again. Critics want to see outside accountability and reparations. Remember Zacchaeus?

Yet, while many of us would refute prosperity gospel teachings, most of us don't have any issue with a comfortable gospel.

The comfortable gospel says give your heart (read: emotions, thoughts and feelings) to God, believe in Jesus, do the best you can and you have a right to a comfortable life. We go so far as to acknowledge that we will have pain and heartache. We blame sin and move on. But basically, life will be comfortable, right? And God wants that for us; He's ultimately working towards eradicating heartache and pain, so as long as we do our bit . . .

The problem with this idea is that it does seem to fly in the face of a lot of what Jesus emphasised during His earthly ministry. "Sell all your possessions and give them to the poor," we might have heard Him say. But we've learned to justify all the challenging parts away.

The stats show that, not only do we define what a good life is more by creature comforts, but those comforts take us away from the good works we are commissioned to do.

Consumed's report goes on to state that less than

a quarter of Australian Christians surveyed felt that having an impact on their communities (23%) or the world (17%) are activities that defined a good life.

This is not just an Australian problem. Right throughout the Western world, consumerism and capitalism create and drive culture. Even in our Pacific island context, the kind of society that is embraced and desired is one with Western comforts and gadgets.

And there is nothing wrong with that . . . or so we tell ourselves.

But the chalice is tainted.

The research suggests there are consequences if we allow consumerism to shape our lives.

Australians who often felt the need to buy something new were more likely to report feeling anxiety (31% compared to 21% who didn't), loneliness (24% to 16%), sadness (26% to 16%), frustration (36% to 25%) and stress (36% to 27%) in their daily lives. There are real world symptoms of this consumption. We must be alert to the danger.

Seventh-day Adventists are particularly upwardly mobile as a denomination. We emphasise education and health—good things in themselves—and as a result we have a higher quality of life, longevity and better prospects as our education helps us secure lucrative careers. The danger is that this can distance and distract us from the real struggles and social ills people are suffering from and dealing with—sometimes in quite close proximity to our comfortable and plush urban churches.

We forget about "the least of these". And our souls can be lulled to sleep by the comfortable worship experiences, the comfortable lives and the comfortable gospel that we cherish.

Jesus said, "Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it."

Are we willing to lose our comfort for His sake?

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WHY CHRISTIANS DO GOOD

The local villagers were very surprised when some Adventists from a neighbouring village came and gave everyone a bucket. Buckets carry water, utensils and washed clothes in Pacific villages every day—so are a valuable item.

The people were pleased to receive the bucket, but their suspicion of the motivation was evident in their response: “Are you giving this bucket so you can evangelise us?”

As a pastor I have listened to people from many different walks of life and helped them through issues. When you don't *have* to do it, people do wonder why they are being helped.

Why do Seventh-day Adventist Christians do good? Do we mow our neighbours' lawns or weed their gardens so we can convert them? Do we treat disease and operate clinics and hospitals to get more baptisms? Do we relieve the suffering from a disaster of flood, drought or cyclone so we can evangelise? Do we run a soup kitchen to build the profile of a church?

The Bible says that disciples of Jesus are created to do good works (Ephesians 2:10). Jesus was very clear about doing good. The goodness of the sun and rain are given to everyone (Matthew 5:45). We should do good secretly—not expecting any recognition (Matthew 6:2,3). And the sheep in the parable of the judgement did not realise that their good deeds to others were considered by God as good deeds to God (Matthew 25:38,39). So, we do good simply because it is the good and right thing to do.

However, it is true that doing good often opens people's hearts to a spiritual journey. If our good deeds initiate a yearning for more, we should respond and share our motivation—Jesus. Jesus is good. He did much good—whether people accepted His message and life or not. So, as Jesus' disciples we should keep doing good to everyone and share more with those who request it.

GLENN TOWNEND
SPD PRESIDENT
● /SPDpresident



AM MAGAZINES AWARDED AT ARPA

MARYELLEN FAIRFAX

Adventist Media (AM) won three awards at the Australasian Religious Press Association (ARPA) Awards 2019.

Adventist Record was awarded silver in the “Best Theological Article” category for Norman Young's article “Was Paul a Misogynist?”

Signs of the Times was also awarded silver for “Best Design”, closely followed by *Mums At The Table* magazine, which received bronze in the same category.

Nerise McQuillan and Theodora Pau'u, graphic designers for *Signs* and *Mums* magazines, were acknowledged for their work in designing the publications.

Mums editor Melody Tan represented AM at ARPA's awards ceremony in Christchurch, New Zealand. After not attending the event for 10 years, Ms Tan was impressed by the increasing quality of Christian media.

“It was interesting to see the calibre of Christian media improve so dramatically [over 10 years]. *Mums* winning bronze is encour-



L-R: MELODY TAN, KENT KINGSTON AND JARROD STACKELROTH WITH THEIR AWARDS.

aging and shows me that we are meeting industry standards.”

Signs editor Kent Kingston was also encouraged by the awards.

“We are proud of the work Nerise and Theodora have put into making *Signs* look fresh, contemporary and engaging.”

Judges commended Dr Young's article as a “well expounded exposition” of Paul's writings that contextualised the theology around male and female relationships.

“It is humbling to be recognised by our peers at ARPA this way,” said *Record* editor Jarrod Stackelroth. “We appreciate all our writers and we wouldn't have a magazine without their contributions.”

NEW BUILDING AT WAHROONGA SCHOOL

DANIEL KUBEREK

Students, teachers and parents gathered at Wahroonga Adventist School (NSW) on Friday, September 13, to witness the opening of the junior school building.

A plaque to commemorate the occasion was unveiled by State Member for Ku-ring-gai, Alister Henskens, who was joined by Greater Sydney Conference president Terry Johnson.

Pastor Johnson delivered the main address, while the junior school prefects and school captains reflected on the impact of the school on students and the community.

The whole school combined for three musical items, including the Australian national anthem, “We lift our voices above” and “Shine Jesus shine”.

A final prayer by school board chairman Edison Akrawi thanked God for His leading in the school's history.



ALISTER HENSKENS (LEFT) AND PASTOR TERRY JOHNSON UNVEILLING THE JUNIOR SCHOOL PLAQUE.

SPD FAMILY MINISTRIES SPECIALIST APPOINTED

JESSICA KRAUSE

Dr Edyta Jankiewicz has been appointed as family ministries specialist within the Discipleship Ministries Team (DMT) of the South Pacific Division.

Dr Jankiewicz brings significant ministry experience to the role, having served as a pastor's wife and homeschooling mother in Australia, Fiji and the US for many years. Most recently, she served as assistant professor in the Department of Discipleship and Religious Education at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, where she lectured in courses such as "Marriage, family and interpersonal relationships" and "Parenting education and guidance".

The position was formerly held by Dr Trafford Fischer until his retirement in mid-2019 and includes developing functional healthy families by focusing on marriage, parenting, family development, domestic violence and addiction.

"Families are the building block of life, and families are important to God," Dr Jankiewicz said. "We learn to love in our families and if our families are not working well, our picture of God's love is distorted. Whereas when we're loved well in our homes, we're more able to understand and experience God's love."

Leader of the DMT, Dr Leigh Rice, said he is very excited to have Dr Jankiewicz join the team.

"Edyta brings an amazing set of skills and experience to her role in family ministries," he said.

"Her doctoral research on discipling within the family connects family ministries with discipleship and her passion (and favourite class to teach at Andrews University) was 'Teaching for discipleship'.

"I also wish to acknowledge the great contribution that Dr Trafford Fischer made to family ministries over



DR EDYTA JANKIEWICZ, THE NEW FAMILY MINISTRIES DIRECTOR FOR THE SPD.

more than 10 years in this role," said Dr Rice. "He contributed significantly to marriage enrichment among pastors and church members, conducted training in basic counselling skills and domestic violence, educated the Church on LGBTQI issues and developing resources for family ministries."

Dr Jankiewicz has also worked as a physical therapist. She received a PhD in Religious Education—as well as Outstanding Dissertation of the Year—at the Andrews Seminary in 2016. She has a Master of Ministry in Family Life and a Bachelor of Science.

NEW LEADERS APPOINTED AT NNSW CONFERENCE

MARYELLEN FAIRFAX

The North New South Wales (NNSW) Conference held their 57th constituency meeting (September 15), where more than 430 delegates gathered to elect a new president and general secretary.

Pastor Adrian Raethel, former general secretary of Greater Sydney Conference, began his new role as conference president immediately. He

replaces Dr Tom Evans, who left the role in July to return to the USA.

Pastor Abel Iorgulescu will replace Pastor Paul Geelan as general secretary. Currently the pastor of Avondale Memorial Church, he has worked in the NNSW Conference since 2013.

Incumbent chief financial officer Russell Halliday was re-elected.

The departmental director roles

were also voted on, with all but two incumbents re-elected. Pastor Keith Stockwell will replace Lynelda Tippo as the ATSIM director, and Pastor

Cranville Tooley will replace Pastor Neil Thompson as the ministerial association secretary.

Pastor Raethel returns to the NNSW Conference—having previously worked there for 12 years—with a positive outlook, while acknowledging the challenges ahead.

"I am very humbled," he said. "This is an enormous responsibility, but it's good to know that I never have to work alone—there is a Higher Power to lean on. I am looking forward to the new responsibility, but won't underestimate the challenges that await me."

During the one-day event, delegates voted in executive officers and departmental directors, made changes to the church company constitution and constituency process, approved the Conference strategic plan and decided to accept new churches and closures.



PASTOR ADRIAN RAETHEL AND HIS WIFE LAUREL.



PASTOR ABEL IORGULESCU AND HIS WIFE LIANA.

ADVENTISTS COMMIT TO HELPING DRUG-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

LEIGHTON KASIMO

Adventists from Wapenamanda District in Papua New Guinea's Enga Province hosted a one-day "Drug Body Convention" for individuals who are struggling or have struggled with a drug addiction.

More than 2000 people from across the district came together for the event, held at Wapenamanda Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, August 25. Among those in attendance were teachers, students and other young people who have been marginalised in their communities for their drug addictions.

Church members, embracing the moniker of Total Member Involvement, personally reached out to individuals, inviting them to attend the program and arranging for vehicles to pick people up for the event.

Pastor Frank Minok, Western Highlands Mission (WHM) personal ministries and Sabbath school director,

opened the program by reminding attendees they are God's children, regardless of who they are or what they have done.

WHM health ministries director Simon Peter, speaking in the local dialect, explained the negative effects of drugs on the human body and mind.

A number of people responded to these messages by coming to the front of the church and expressing their gratitude to God for the program.

"We were always seen as useless and hopeless in the communities," said one guest. "But now we have seen the new light and direction to follow to become a better person."

Some of the men shared how drugs had become "like wives", with addiction prompting them to forget about



MORE THAN 2000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE EVENT.

their family duties and responsibilities.

District director Pastor Mara Pawa said the Church is committed to supporting those struggling with addictions. "We want to nurture them to become changed people who contribute meaningfully in their communities."

Wapenamanda church is organising a follow-up retreat for attendees in November, with health professionals on hand to provide guidance and counselling.

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COLLABORATION CREATES COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

TRACEY BRIDCUTT

A collaborative network of Seventh-day Adventist Church ministries is empowering Adventist churches and schools in New Zealand to become positive lights in their communities.

The Community Champions Network has been operating for almost a year and comprises Adventist Health Ministries, Discipleship Ministries, the Ministerial Department and ADRA New Zealand.

The network has run a series of educational workshops around New Zealand, promoting community involvement by churches and schools. The

workshops challenge attendees to use the resources they have or to build on the good work they are already doing. By the end of this year, there will have been eight workshops attended by around 400 people from at least 50 churches.

NZPUC Adventist Health Ministries director Adrielle Carrasco said the ministries can have greater impact and influence together rather than in isolation.

“Our focus has been to provide education so that members of our entities may become disciples of Jesus while discipling others or while connecting with others,” she said.

“In effect we are collectively trying to empower our churches and schools to become the positive influence that their communities need.”

Mrs Carrasco said the workshops have generated an overwhelmingly positive response from those who have attended.

“We are enthusiastic to develop the champions network further and can’t wait to see what 2020 will bring.”



VICTOR KULAKOV (DISCIPLESHIP), DENISON GRELLMANN AND SALLY LAVEA (ADRA NZ) AND ADRIELLE CARRASCO (ADVENTIST HEALTH MINISTRIES).

SIGNS' NORWEGIAN BOOK TACKLES BIG GOD QUESTIONS

NATHAN BROWN

A new book translated from Norwegian and published by Signs Publishing responds to common atheist critiques of faith, particularly to questions about what God is like.

According to the author Pastor Harald Giesebrecht, *God? Really?: Good news about the God I don't believe in* was sparked when he spent time researching the work of the “New Atheists”—prominent authors including Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens—for a series of meetings for university students.

Pastor Giesebrecht, who currently serves as children’s and family ministries director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Norway, urges that we do not need to be afraid of the questions posed by these voices, but should

respond to their questions—and that Adventist beliefs offer some important insights to these conversations.

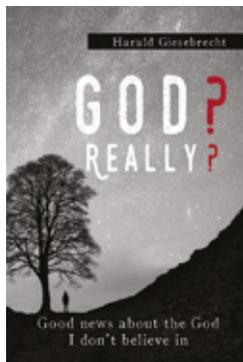
God? Really? was first published

by Norsk Bokforlag, the Adventist publishing house in Norway, and was translated into English with the assistance of a Norwegian government program to promote original Norwegian publishing internationally.

In the past few years, Norsk Bokforlag has translated and published five books from Signs Publishing, including *Food As Medicine*, *Keeping Connection* and

Why I Try to Believe.

God? Really?: Good news about the God I don't believe in is available from Adventist bookshops in Australia and New Zealand or online.



NEWS GRABS



PLANT-BASED BURGER AWARDED

“Gourmet Vegan Burger”, a product launched by Adventist-linked company “Superbom”, has won second place as the most innovative product at the First Ingredients Innovations Awards in South America. The vegan option has all the characteristics of ground beef and tastes exactly like animal meat. It’s also free of artificial ingredients.—*Adventist Review*



NEW HOPE CHANNEL PROGRAM

Hope Channel International launched a new television program on September 6 called “Revival for Mission”. Hosted by General Conference president Ted Wilson and Hope Channel International president Derek Morris, the weekly half-hour program explores ways people are actively serving their communities.—*Hope Channel International*



HISPANICS EXPRESS CONCERN

Hispanics in the United States are increasingly fearful in response to national events and policies. Accordingly, the North American Division has released a statement—in English and Spanish—pledging to condemn all forms of racism and to create an atmosphere of acceptance in the Church.—*GleanerNow*

HOT TOPICS



BLIND FROM JUNK FOOD

Eighteen-year-old Harvey Dyer from Gloucester, England, has gone legally blind due to severe vitamin and mineral deficiencies after eating only chips, chocolate, white bread and meat since he was two. Diagnosed with ADHD and autism, he is being tube-fed in hospital in an attempt to alleviate the condition. Outcomes are uncertain. —*news.com.au*



PASTORS BUY LUXURY HOME

Bill and Sharon Predovich, senior pastors at Resurrection Life Church in Minnesota, are facing tough questions after selling their church to developers and then buying a multi-million dollar lakefront home. They told church members that God wants them to worship in “micro-churches” held in their homes instead. —*christianpost.com*



PLANS TO BAN MARMITE

The British-Dutch food giant, Unilever, is considering offloading Britain’s much-loved-much-hated condiment, Marmite (not related to Sanitarium’s Marmite). This is in light of Unilever’s decision to focus only on brands that “have a purpose”, and to take action on social and environmental issues. —*The Guardian*

INVERSE REPLACES CQ AS STUDY GUIDE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

NATHAN BROWN

A new Sabbath school quarterly launches this month. Aimed at young adults—aged 18 to 35—inVerse replaces CQ, which has been published regularly since 1979.

According to inVerse editor, Pastor Justin Kim, the new format represents a change in emphasis to “depth of personal devotional study, rather than the breadth of global conversation” with interaction opportunities now provided through inVerse’s social media channels. Beginning with this year’s fourth-quarter study of the Bible’s book of Nehemiah, inVerse will alternate between following the topics of the Adult Bible Study Guide and topics of particular interest for young adults.

“Through an online survey to the CQ community, comments were received that young adults wanted new topics that addressed issues that they were going through as well as going through

more Bible book studies,” Pastor Kim explained.

inVerse encourages users to record their thoughts, responses to and discoveries from the Bible study, with the aim of equipping them to share their faith with others.

“This journal will become a resource to reference anytime you need to share a Bible study, preach a sermon or refresh yourself on that Bible topic,” said Pastor Kim.

Published by the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department of the General Conference, the new Sabbath school quarterly has been produced in the

South Pacific Division as a stand-alone resource, but additional resources, including a weekly TV conversation, are available from hopetv.org/inverse.

inVerse is available now from Adventist bookstores in Australia, New Zealand and across the South Pacific.





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FLASHPOINT



NATIONAL SENIORS WEEK

Around 70 seniors have celebrated National Seniors Week by enjoying a complimentary three-course vegetarian lunch provided by Landsborough Seventh-day Adventist church members (Qld). The July event involved singalong entertainment from the Palm Lake Beachmere Songsters and a presentation from Guide Dogs Queensland after which \$A630 was raised for the organisation. Event coordinator Charles Russell said the church enjoyed the opportunity to “connect with senior members of the community [and] support an important community service”. —*Charles Russell*



FROM RAGS TO RICHES

Forty students from Wahroonga Adventist School (NSW) have brought Rodgers and Hammerstein’s musical *Cinderella* to life in their annual school production. The students, ranging from grades 7–10, performed over five nights in late July/early August at Fox Valley Community Church. Packed audiences enjoyed the cast’s impressive musical talent in addition to the show’s skilful costuming and set design. Principal Michelle Streetfeild expressed her pride in the production, saying, “The musical showcased the amazing talents of all our students and stretched their musical and creative side.” —*Daniel Lavaiaamat/Jessica Krause*



MVAC STUDENT RECOGNISED

Year 12 student at Mountain View Adventist College (MVAC), NSW, Minnie Evans, has received the 2019 Zonta Achievement Award for a young Indigenous woman as part of NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week, held in early July. Minnie is currently a school prefect, leads the basketball and Oztag teams at MVAC and is in charge of “Sisterhood”, a group that empowers young students to be themselves in creative ways. Minnie says the award has reinforced her faith and the importance of family: “[It] gives me confidence to work hard . . . and share my culture and family values.” —*Jessica Krause*



SNZ YOUNG ADULTS GATHER

Dunedin (NZ) hosted its first ever Ignite weekend on August 16–18, bringing together 60 young adults to Dunedin Adventist Church. Attendees built stronger connections, ate and worshipped together, and tackled big questions of faith. Five presenters shared workshops and workshops: Victor Kulakov (NZPUC family relationships cluster director), Sarah-Jane Riley (SNZ Conference youth director), Grant Burton (SNZ Conference ministerial secretary), Tulaga Aiolutepotea (Invercargill church pastor) and Ailene Kei (Christchurch Adventist School captain). —*Lance Boulton*



MELROSE PARK CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

Melrose Park Seventh-day Adventist Church (SA) celebrated its 60th anniversary on August 24. Past and present members and pastors gathered at the church to share memories. Current attendee Rowan Machaka presented the church’s history. South Australian Conference president Pastor David Butcher encouraged members to continue God’s work. A combined choir performed “The King’s Business” and a communal lunch was shared by all. —*Daniel Kuberek*



TEACHING TIPS

Long-serving Australian teacher Hazel Eaton presented a four-day workshop at Bekabeka Adventist Community High School (Solomon Islands). Twenty-one primary teachers from the Bili, Beava, Kavalavada, Sobiro and Penkuju schools came by boat, foot and truck for the workshop. Mrs Eaton, a teacher for 50 years—including 20 years in the South Pacific—shared how to engage students when teaching English and maths. —*Dr Ken Long*



RETREAT FOR LEADERS IN VANUATU

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Vanuatu recently organised a leaders’ retreat to empower Adventists to take the gospel truth to their workplaces. The event was organised in light of the unprecedented appointment of more than 20 Adventists as directors of various government departments in Vanuatu. It is the highest number of positions held by Adventists at any one time in Vanuatu’s history. —*Nos Terry Mailalong*



NORTHPINE STORMCO SUCCESS

A record number of students from Northpine Christian College (Brisbane, Qld) recently returned from StormCo trips across Australia and South-East Asia. Three teams went to regional Queensland (Monto, Blackwater and Eidsvold) and two travelled to Cambodia. Northpine chaplain Neil Redman, said the trips gave students an improved life perspective and better spiritual focus. —*Andrew Schnell*



To the ends of the earth: Sabbath School Podcast's global impact

Perhaps you've never heard the name "Percy Harrold" before. Chances are though, you've heard his voice.

Dr Harrold's deep, narrator's voice features on the Sabbath School Podcast—a self-recorded, weekly podcast that offers Seventh-day Adventists an alternative avenue to study the Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide.

Each podcast episode features an opening prayer, and the reading of the daily lessons and weekly "inside story". The production of the podcast is sponsored by Hope Channel South Pacific, the South Pacific Division's (SPD) Sabbath school department and Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired (CSFBHI).

It was the ministry of the latter that sparked the beginning of the podcast in 2007. Back in 1996, Dr Harrold was working with CSFBHI's Jan Mitchell when a need arose for someone new to record the audio version of the Sabbath school lessons for blind or visually-impaired church members across the SPD.

"With an impending deadline, I started reading the lessons at the Adventist Media studios [in Wahroonga] directly onto cassette

tape, which was then duplicated by the hundreds," Dr Harrold recalls. "It was an unplanned foray into the world of audio production."

The CSFBHI recordings transitioned from cassettes to CDs in 2005. The audio files were then turned into a podcast two years later, with the first recording distributed online on July 1, 2007.

For Dr Harrold, what began as an "unplanned foray" has since become a far-reaching ministry, with listeners from around the world tuning in to hear his weekly presentations.

Such is the current success of the podcast that, in early September, the Sabbath School Podcast was ranked sixth on Apple's most listened-to Christian podcasts in Papua New Guinea (PNG). According to Chartable, the podcast reached as high as number 1 in PNG over the past year, edging out other Christian podcasts featuring high-profile speakers such as Joel Osteen, Rick Warren and Joyce Meyer.

In what Dr Harrold calls a "startling aberration", the Sabbath School Podcast also saw a significant spike in Argentina in late August, climbing more than 300 positions to the number 30 spot on Apple's top Chris-

tian podcasts. This is a significant achievement considering most of the other high-ranking podcasts in the country are non-English recordings.

What has happened in PNG and Argentina is but a snapshot of the Sabbath School Podcast's global reach. The podcast has ranked in Apple's top 100 most listened-to Christian podcasts in several other countries over the past year (as shown in the table on the next page). What makes these numbers even more incredible is they have been generated organically, with no promotions or advertisements.

The success of the Sabbath School Podcast is due to Dr Harrold's commitment to the ministry, which involves hours of voluntary recording and editing at his home in Queensland.

"One lesson takes about three hours to record and save," explains Dr Harrold. "Then there is editing and processing for the CSFBHI listeners in Australia and New Zealand, North America and Germany once a month, followed by production of the podcast totalling another four to five hours.

"All up for 13 lessons, in both formats, it takes about 45 hours. This is broken up into spare moments or

Country	Current position	Peak position (past 12 months)
Angola	165	11
Antigua and Barbuda	33	19
Bahamas	81	48
Barbados	37	4
Bermuda	22	1
Botswana	69	10
Granada	26	2
Israel	61	6
Jamaica	62	15
Madagascar	24	17
Saint Lucia	38	28
Uganda	139	24
Zimbabwe	77	22

Data accumulated from Chartable, late August/early September 2019.

hours, usually over an eight-week period.”

That may sound like a lot of volunteer time. However, the results of this dedication speak for themselves.

“Thank you so much for reading this for us,” writes Annette. “I cannot tell you how thankful I am for your ministry.”

Suckjoo, from Seoul, Korea, says she enjoys Dr Harrold’s “soft voice and wonderful message”, while one listener from Mexico described the podcasts as “a wonderful way to learn English” while studying the Bible.

A listener from Canada wrote: “I am so thankful to have found this reading of the lessons 10 years ago. I have trouble reading and understanding at the same time. Listening to [Dr Harrold’s] interesting and calm voice and following along as he reads *has* changed my study life. I praise God for Dr H’s devotion in continuing this gift to others!”

The Sabbath School Podcast can be accessed through digital platforms such as Apple Podcasts, SoundCloud and the General Conference’s “Sabbath School 4” app, the official app of the Sabbath School Bible Study Guides.

The podcast has been adapted into a YouTube series by an Adventist Church member in Brazil, with each video generating thousands of views each week. All up, the podcast on the “Cláudio Carneiro” YouTube Channel accumulates around 200,000 views a year.

Outside of the podcast, Dr Harrold lends his time and voice every September to Big Camp Radio, South Queensland Conference Big Camp’s 24/7 radio broadcast. The resident Queenslander has been involved with ministry for more than 10 years, helping to share devotionals, announcements and live broadcasts of each day’s meetings with “parents with children and the elderly who are not always able to attend the daily programs”.

LINDEN CHUANG ASSISTANT EDITOR (DIGITAL), ADVENTIST RECORD.

LIVING HIS WORD

WITH WAYNE BOEHM

LESSONS FROM A NAMELESS LADY

For an orthodox Jew, the nameless woman in John 4 had three strikes against her:

She was a Samaritan

She was a woman

She was sexually promiscuous

In spite of the prevailing thoughts of the time, Jesus steps forward to engage this nameless woman at a place called Sychar (meaning liar or drunkard). If you have ever struggled to start a conversation with a stranger, this story is a great testimony—identify a person’s need or pinpoint areas of common interest. Note the progression of Jesus’ conversation with the woman—John 4:9–26—that highlights His method.

HOW might you have responded to the pointed personal question about marriage partners?

Jesus was not distracted by the nameless woman’s questions. He maintained His focus, determined to meet the deeper spiritual need of this nameless lady. While she misinterpreted and misunderstood the questions, Jesus’ gentle perseverance unmasked her spiritual need and brought her to realise she was in the presence of the Messiah.

In response, she leaves her waterpot and returns to the city. **WHAT** do you notice about the message she takes to the city? The nameless woman invites them to come and see and also poses a question, “Could this be the Christ?” Many Samaritans believed.

CONSIDER the lesson here: Don’t be afraid to ask questions! Jesus asked 307 questions throughout His ministry. In return, He was asked 187 questions but only answered three. When you learn that Jesus is your personal Saviour, look for someone you can share the news and experience with.

Maybe you will see a whole people group come to know and experience Jesus as their Saviour.

Growing hope in the community

The Cannington Community Garden near Perth, WA, is a thriving sanctuary for green thumbs, workers and visitors alike. What was once a humble community garden four years ago has grown to become one of the largest gardens in the area, which is helping to feed the homeless as well as hosting Work for the Dole participants.

"It all began with just a few members of the church congregation," says Andi Benson, the garden's Work for the Dole supervisor (pictured below).

Jack Beere and Heather Stewart-Johnson, members of Cannington Community Seventh-day Adventist Church, wanted to do something with the large grassy space at the back of their church. With a gardening hobby, the two saw an opportunity to reach out to their community through a garden and partnered with ADRA Australia to make it happen.

"Cannington Community Garden is a space for growing food and community," says Heather.

Within its first year, Andi discovered the garden on his walk home from dropping his daughter at school. After moving back to Australia with his family after working in Indonesia for 20 years, Andi struggled to find work. His teaching degree was outdated and other jobs were scarce. With a passion for sustainability and community, Andi began to volunteer at the garden to occupy his time.

When Andi had an interview with atWork, he was told he needed to find a community activity in order to keep his dole payments. "I told atWork that I was already involved in a few community programs," Andi says. "And that's when they came to have a look at the garden there."

atWork were thrilled to discover the garden, as it opened up opportunities for other Work for the Dole participants to work there too. With the need for a supervisor on site for the program to go ahead, Andi was hired.

With the extra help and funding from the program, the garden's produce is not the only thing flourishing. So too, is its impact on the community.

"It's a noticeable healing space there," Andi says. "You see a lot of people become quite depressed with the prospect of not being able to find work. The garden's really good for that. Because you can get back to the basics and forget about your problems there, dig a few carrots, flip some compost and meet some other people who are in the same boat."

And once a week, the church has a food truck to provide a meal to those who are doing it tough. "On Friday nights there's a food truck, and we're getting around about 60-70 people at the moment," says Andi. "About 30-50 per cent would be homeless."

"There's the importance of community and looking after one another. It's vital. Heather and Jack had a good vision. It's certainly got an important function in the community."

Like Andi, there are many hurting people in your local community right now too. So, how can your church be ready and relevant to serve them? Visit adra.org.au/appeal to try something new to help others this October.

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EVERY RIDE A MISSION

Adventist Motorcycle Ministry (AMM) Victoria is a group of Seventh-day Adventists who have a passion for motorbikes, and who use this passion to share their greater passion for Jesus in ministry.

AMM is a worldwide ministry, recognised by the General Conference in 21 countries. AMM Victoria began in April 2013 when a small group of Adventist bikers, including Chris Howard-Bath, Danny Korbas and myself (John Brereton), met and decided to explore the possibilities of using our passion for bikes in this new type of ministry.

AMM Victoria visits churches, taking the Sabbath school lesson, church service and children's story, as well as promoting AMM to the congregation. We often meet at a nearby petrol station, where we always pray before riding as a group to the church. In cooler and wetter months, we visit local churches around Melbourne and in the warmer months, we ride the longer distances to the country churches.

I must admit that at first, I didn't know how Adventist churches would warm to a bunch of bikers wearing leather jackets and jeans, let alone

react to us running their church programs. Yet, I am constantly amazed as every single church has not only welcomed us with open arms, but always invites us to come back!

One church we visited recently wrote: "May God bless such a wonderful ministry that you carry out with people in need and with people who haven't found Christ as yet. We were truly blessed that Sabbath AMM came to our church and our children were inspired by your team and the missionary work that you undertake."

AMM Victoria has also raised around \$A14,000 for "Connecting Hands", an organisation that rescues young kids from prostitution in Cambodia. We have raised money to help the family of a newborn with major health issues and are currently paying for a couple of young boys to attend a Christian school to hopefully keep them out of the drug scene. We have been involved in feeding gang members and the homeless in Melbourne, as well as supporting literature evangelists in western Solomon Islands.

One highlight this year was seeing a small rural church with a membership of around six overflowing to 53,

with more than half being community bike riders and first-time attendees. Another highlight was seeing Wayne and Chris (pictured above, seated on red bike), who we met at a bike function, baptised on August 31. Wayne and Chris have been a huge blessing to us and are now active members of AMM Victoria.

At AMM, our motto is "Where every ride is a mission". Every ride is a tremendous mission opportunity and when the occasion arises, we give away health and Christian literature, often to other bike riders we meet along the way. We have had some God-ordained experiences where we've definitely seen His miraculous leading.

AMM Victoria is not a club; it's a ministry and it's open to all who would like to get involved. Spouses and children are not only welcome, but are an integral part of the team.

If you'd like to get involved, you can find us on Facebook: Adventist Motorcycle Ministry Victoria. We are always happy to have new bikers join us.

JOHN BRERETON FORMER PUBLISHING DIRECTOR AND PASSIONATE BIKER.



When the road rose up to meet me

It was the greenest scene I'd ever seen. Bathed in the fragrance of freshly mown grass and honeysuckles, the narrow road curled itself tightly around hills as we whooshed by cows, cottages and cobblestone driveways. Chubby clouds couched themselves in the azure sky, gazing down at our little rental car as it struggled along, blasting Ed Sheeran's "Castle on the Hill" at full volume. Our smiles beamed. It was the perfect day for a road trip through the Irish countryside.

After a rainy few weeks, the sun had come out for our arrival, ready to etch this memory in green and gold. It did feel strangely like home here, seeing the sweeping, empty fields dotted with trees. My friend sat in the driver's seat beside me, her hair wild in the wind, as we harmonised with Eddy during the chorus.

"I'm on my way, driving at 90 down those country lanes . . ."

I really should have seen it coming.

Our senses were so tantalised by the countryside that my friend and I hadn't noticed the car picking up speed. My eyes flashed across the dashboard—70 . . . 80 . . . 90 . . . wait, was that miles or kilometres? I began to get nervous. If a car approached us from the opposite direction, there would be no room for them to pass. Should I say something?

"No, just relax," I thought, breathing out calmly. "Don't ruin the mood now. Don't be that annoying passenger-seat driver . . ."

The car inched closer and closer to the gutter on the passenger side and the long grass began ferociously flicking the car. Suddenly, a bright red Audi popped up over the little hill. I gripped the chair and winced. We swerved. I tried to yell, "Slow down, watch out!", but my words were caught in my throat.

Screeeeeeech. Thump.

My friend slammed on the brakes. The red Audi zoomed by, carefree.

"Oh my goodness, what happened?" she gasped, collecting her thoughts. "It's a rental, Maryellen!" she was yelling now, "I didn't get the tyres insured!"

Oh dear, my silence was going to be expensive.

We clambered out of the vehicle to assess the damage. The entire front, left-hand hubcap was scraped and bent completely out of shape. My friend was freaking out, fashioning her fist into a hammer, hopelessly trying to bump it back into place. Her fists and face were red and covered in grease. Meanwhile, I could hardly believe our luck. It was only a minor flesh-wound—and, most importantly, we were safe. I fell back into the long grass, relieved,

thanking Jesus for protecting us.

"What are we going to do?" my friend asked, flustered.

Before I could answer, a rugged old Irishman pulled over, bumbling across the road toward us.

"Arr ye okeh lahssies?" he mumbled merrily, smelling of old leather and cigars. Crouching down, he surveyed the situation and, in the space of about 10 seconds, popped the plastic back into place. "She'll be reight, just a fleash wound," he said, flashing a crooked smile.

"Thank you, thank you so much!" we echoed repeatedly. "What's your name?"

"Erh, they call meh Sonny," he said, winking, as he ducked down into his rusty Saab and drove away.

Tinny engine sounds faded into the distance. Wind rustled through the trees.

"Did that really just happen?" my friend asked. We could hardly believe our luck, but maybe we should have; this was Ireland after all. Dazed, I made my way back to the car—this time, to the driver's door—and we drove off, much more slowly.

In between endless apologies, my friend rustled through a bunch of papers in the glove compartment. "The damage is still bad, Maryellen," she said anxiously, "If I have to pay for this, I might struggle to pay rent next month."

My heart sank. She was right—while the hubcap was back in place, the scrapes were still quite noticeable.

"How much do you think it will be?" she asked. I tried to calculate the cost if we split the damage, first in British pounds, and then in Australian dollars. Either way, it would hurt.

"Wait!" my friend gasped. "You're kidding!"

This had been a day full of surprises. "What is it?" I asked, taken aback by the positive tone in her voice.

She flashed a yellow piece of paper at me. I pulled over. On it was a technical drawing of the car, and two circles in blue biro—one around the back bumper and the other around the front, left-hand side wheel.

I stared blankly.

"Look! The circled areas are parts of the car that were already damaged before we hired it," she said, pointing. "The front hubcap . . . it's been signed and everything!"

My mouth dropped.

Two days later, we returned the car. The manager surveyed it meticulously, pushing his glasses into his eyebrows and scribbling in his notepad. He paused at the front hubcap and let out a deep grunt.

"This is it, we're done for," I thought. Warm panic shot through my veins. My heart was pushing 100bpm in a 60 zone.

"Ehh, it's orl geud 'ere," said the manager, standing up to shake my hand.

I nearly collapsed. I couldn't believe our luck. We had escaped punishment on a technicality. Despite feeling guilty and undeserving, God had provided a way out—one that existed before we ran into trouble in the first place.

The plan of salvation is like that, too.

God, in His infinite wisdom, knew that life would throw us curveballs, that crashes and collisions were part and parcel of sinful existence, so He instituted the plan of salvation before we were even created. It's our personal piece of yellow paper—a red inked cross, struck through a technical drawing of us. It's our get-outta-jail-free-card, a gift with no strings attached.

But we know this, of course. We're reminded time and time again that we can't earn salvation. The real problem arises when we become so preoccupied with watching our own speed and ensuring our little rental stays in top notch shape, that we forget to check on our friends.

I should have said something to my friend that day.

I should have put aside my own insecurities and overthinking and simply said, "Watch your speed." I had no reason not to—I didn't have a plank in my own eye, I wasn't judging or blaming her for being a "bad person" and I would have done it kindly. But

I'm really good at getting in my own way. I worry too much about what people will think of me. I'm so afraid of being disliked or disagreeable that I don't say anything when my Christian friends pick up speed and zoom down a dangerous road. And as for my non-Christian friends, well, usually I don't even sit in the front seat in the first place.

In an effort to avoid uncomfortable situations and conversations, I let my friends veer off-course, curing my cognitive dissonance by "praying for them". I then have the audacity to blame them for their mistakes, even though it's often not their conscious choice at all. Usually, they've just been swept up by life and its distractions, and all they needed was for someone to say, "Hey friend, watch your speed."

James 5:19,20 says: "If one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their ways will save them from death and cover a multitude of sins."

Each and every one of us sits in the driver's seat of our lives, zooming along and assuming total control. And sometimes everything goes smoothly—sometimes for long periods of time. But inevitably, we crash. If we're lucky, it's just a scraped hubcap. If we're even luckier, we barely escape with our lives.

Reminding a friend to "drive home safely" isn't something we think twice about. We all know that "speeding kills"—it's plastered across every billboard from Woollomooloo to Waikikamukau—so how much more should we heed the warning when our eternal lives are at stake?

Next time you see your friend speeding, don't be afraid to call them out on it, in love. And if they do crash, point them to the little piece of yellow paper in the glove-box. It may be awkward, painful or confronting in the moment, but you might just save their life.

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LIVING FOR GOOD

lessons from the belly of a fish

What is it that we live for on this earth? Our legacy? Our families? Our passions and dreams? As I near adulthood I question what it is that I live for. Or who.

As my journey of self-discovery continues I find that, in living for myself, I carry the burden of being imperfect on my own. Living for myself I remain self-indulgent, acting in the ways of a Pharisee. Living for myself I realise that it is impossible to do God's work when I am constantly looking in the mirror for guidance and not above.

Living for humanity accomplishes ordinary dreams and hopes that shrivel to nothing. Living for the world I see myself caving into conformity and not reaching the full potential God created in me. Living for the world goes against Christ's mission for humanity in paving the way towards Him.

1 Peter 2:9 says, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

When you live for yourself you remain in darkness, sucked into selfishness and lost in a direction without Christ. But when you exist solely for God you step into the light and allow God to shine through you.

The Old Testament has a character named Jonah who represents so many of our individual fears and doubts about being called by God and serving a greater purpose.

Jonah ran away from God's call, physically and emotionally, and right into a storm that nearly ended his and others' lives. When Jonah acknowledged his avoidance of God he ended up in the belly of a great fish that,

unbeknown to him, had been provided by God.

Jonah's wrestle with God was based on what Jonah was feeling. He didn't want to preach, he didn't want to give up his life. What Jonah didn't realise is that his refusal to God was also a refusal to thousands of hearts who didn't know God. Jonah chapter 2 (verses 5 and 7) conveys the inner struggle Jonah faced at living for himself in selfishness and being held captive to the earth. "The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. . . . When my life was ebbing away."

The metaphorical language of this passage has relevance in today's time: being lost in the everyday problems of life; the big issues that ruin families and friendships; and the hardships of life that continually throw individuals into despondency.

The waters in ancient Near Eastern culture represent chaos and the abode of the enemies of God (thanks Dad for this insight).

Jonah was lost fighting a spiritual battle within himself to give into God's desires for his life. The seas of chaos surrounded him just as temptation surrounds us now. As Jonah jumped into the sea of chaos, the fish sent by God protected him, shielding him from the enemy and death. The natural elements, the devil and Jonah's own stubborn heart could not stop God from saving his child. When Jonah ran away from God he entered a season of darkness and withheld people from receiving the good news of God.

Being called to serve God is putting away your own desires and putting first the kingdom of Heaven. Because



when you work for Christ, you're not only leading hearts to Him but strengthening God's mission.

Jonah 2:6 says, "To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit."

At Jonah's weakest hours, when the earth held him securely, it was God who brought him out of the darkness, out of his pit and into the light. God has a habit of shining through when we least expect it and granting a break through even when we think we are at breaking point.

Jonah chapter 2 (verses 2 and 9) shows God's faithfulness and deliverance of Jonah: "In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. Salvation comes from the Lord."

In a sea of depression, self-doubt and worry, God saved Jonah, never leaving him. From the beginning to the final verse, God was with Jonah, as He will be with us from the beginning to the end. God's faithfulness to Jonah is a testimony that failing to deliver is not an option for God.

If God never fails why are we so afraid to trust Him? Why are we so hesitant to sacrifice ourselves for God?

God's calling on Jonah's life was for Him, but in it Jonah found his purpose. As 1 Peter 2:9 says, we are God's chosen people. Jonah was God's chosen prophet to proclaim the Word, and each of us is specifically chosen to listen to God's calling and live a life for Him.

But what did Jonah sacrifice to live a life for Christ? Giving up what you love, what you live for, your status or a bigger income is the struggle and reality for individ-

uals today. The sacrifice is, in fact, when we run away from God, not willing to give up and surrender what the earth offers. The sacrifice is the hardest part for us, but it is what God does so willingly. How easy was it for God to give up His only Son for an imperfect world that didn't even want Him? I'm not a parent so I don't fully understand this—then again even a human parent cannot comprehend this. What I do know is that God's sacrificial love unburdened us from the price of sin and gave us the gift of eternal life.

Living for God will not only change how you impact others, but how you love. Romans 5:8 shares how all of humanity has sinned and yet Jesus gave His life for us. Jesus humbled Himself, being obedient to the point of death, sacrificing His living breath for our sins. When we live for ourselves, for others or for a passion, we forget the blessings we've received from God's grace and love for us.

As I think about living for God, I recognise that life will be much sweeter because with Him I am not alone. I recognise that through Him my life will not be superficial, but abundant with an overflowing fountain of blessings.

I know that I am joining a kingdom where the mission is better than any other superhero story, because salvation is the happy ending. When God calls, what will be your answer? Will you live for yourself and settle for an ordinary life? Or will you live for God and serve a greater purpose?

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FEELING GOOD: KEYS TO EMOTIONAL HEALTH

The real challenge with adopting healthier behaviours and making sustainable changes is keeping it up. A crucial piece of the life-style medicine puzzle is emotional health.

STRESSED OUT

Stress is a natural human response when faced with challenging or dangerous situations, but a stress-free life is not the goal. Stress can be helpful when it increases our ability to be alert, energised, switched on and resourceful in managing daily tasks. Stress becomes detrimental when it leaves us feeling fatigued, tense, anxious, burnt out or overwhelmed. When stress is unusually prolonged or repetitive, it becomes a threat to health. This is *distress*. Distress can affect our health in many ways, including heart health (releasing the heart-rate-raising hormone adrenaline), gut function (including heartburn, nausea and indigestion), immune function (our psychological state can affect our nervous system, which in turn affects our immune system) and emotional health (stress changes the way we feel, which can influence our behaviour and decisions).

BRAIN FOODS TO MEND YOUR MIND

When it comes to feeling great, a plant-based diet comes out on top.

- **Berries** contain phytonutrients that boost cognition, coordination and memory.
- **Cruciferous vegetables** such as broccoli can help enhance memory.
- **Garlic** phytonutrients may help prevent dementia, including Alzheimer's disease.
- **Green leafy vegetables** such as spinach and kale help support the immune system and keep an ageing brain sharp.
- **Nut** consumption may enhance mood and can help with clarity and clear thinking.
- **Olive oil** is rich in phytochemicals that help enhance blood flow in the brain.
- **Seeds** contain high vitamin E and omega-3 beneficial fats that may help brainpower and mood.
- **Wholegrains** rich in phytonutrients and B group vitamins are a great energy source needed for maintaining concentration throughout the day and improving memory.

TIPS TO MEND YOUR MIND



GO GREEN

There's something incredibly therapeutic about immersing yourself in the natural world. Exposure to nature can help enhance relationships and promote positive health behaviours. Breathing in fresh air, as well as safe exposure to sunlight, can also help elevate health and mood.



MOVE MORE

Exercise is a powerful way to mend the mind. Exercise and its effects have been linked to relieving depression and reducing anxiety. It has also been known to enhance cognition, memory and brain development. It's never too late to begin an exercise regime, with the benefits of exercise going far beyond emotional health.



REST WELL

Sleep has a big impact on our health. Lack of sleep affects mood, motivation, judgement and our perception of events. It can also be associated with anxiety disorders and depression. Try sticking to a sleep schedule, avoiding caffeine and preparing light evening meals to improve sleep quality.



REFLECTIONS ON AGEING

Over the past 10 years my hair has gone grey—a process that seems to start at 50 to ensure that any fantasy about staying young has truly been dispelled as 60 approaches.

To be fair, in my case, by the age of 50 there were very few hairs remaining to actually go grey—the vast majority having already abandoned my care and headed to more promising environs. Of course, on a scientific note, hair doesn't actually go grey at all. Hair either has pigment or it doesn't. Once a hair follicle decides that it has provided enough lustrous colour, a strand of hair is quite white. But as this doesn't uniformly occur across the scalp, there is the illusion of going grey. White is for the seriously old and I'm just coming on 60.

Unfortunately, hair colour is not the only sign of growing old. We could talk about joints that no longer enjoy their full range of movement, flesh that tends to hang, skin that's lost its tautness and eyes that can't see anything that's closer than a metre. And the

fact that I no longer like change.

But this was never meant to happen to me. Ageing was for others, the careless, the discouraged, those who were my parents' age. I would be forever young.

But despite my mental resistance, ageing has visited with relentless stealth. Day by day, year by year, I have begun to accept my mortality, my inevitable acceleration into old age.

In Ecclesiastes 1:2, the teacher says:

"Life is fleeting, like a passing mist. It is like trying to catch hold of a breath; all vanishes like a vapour, everything is great vanity."

The psalmist likewise reflects on the shortness of life in Psalm 89:47: "O remember how short my time is and what a mere fleeting life mine is. For what emptiness, falsity, futility, and frailty You have created all men!"

So, life is short. A mere blip in the continuum of time. But is it futile? Is it empty and pointless?

In fact, the Bible is rich regarding the meaning of life and its purpose

—in contrast to modern thinking that we have arrived on this planet by accident, the product of millennia of incremental biological improvements and without any moral imperatives.

The apostle Paul directly challenges any belief that life is purposeless and without meaning. In Ephesians 2:10 he says, "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works."

In one sentence he dismisses the post-modern, hedonistic notion that we exist for no purpose or for fulfilling our own pleasure. The Bible is clear that we are created in the image of God and as such there should be a God-like purpose running through all our actions, vocations and relationships.

God's regard for human life—even for my own greying, ageing personage—is incalculable. Perhaps it's time to focus less on the ageing and more on the serving.

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WOMEN TAKE THE LEAD

Once again the Israelites, God's chosen people, begin worshipping idols. King Jabin and his general, Sisera, oppress Israel for 20 years. God chooses Deborah to be a judge for the people of Israel. The people respect Deborah's advice. By following her advice, the people are victorious over Sisera. God still places people in leadership today. He asks us to respect them and what they do for Him.

FUN FACT!

Deborah was the fifth judge of Israel, the only woman and the only judge mentioned as possessing the prophetic gift.

BIBLE JUDGES

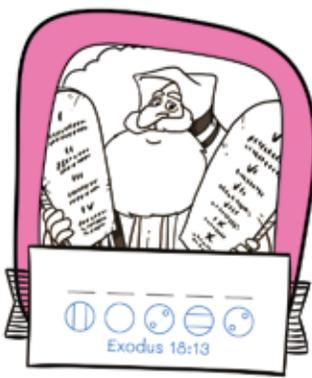
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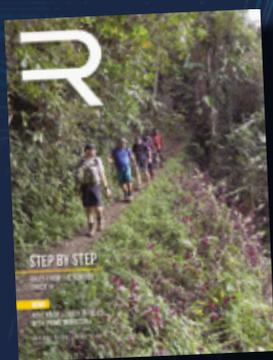
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Memory Verse

"Show proper respect to everyone: love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honour the King." 1 Peter 2:17





"O" OPS!

On reading "Not a word" (Have your say, August 31) my first reaction was "this is a bit pedantic!" But then I turned to the report "Step by Step" in the same issue to be confronted with a glaring "typological" error. Whilst the senior editor and one of the copy editors sat in one of my classes at Avondale, it was clearly not one of my geography classes! However kudos for including a diagram showing the topography of the Kokoda Track. What a difference one letter makes.

Harwood Lockton, NSW

CURRENT CRISIS

I still get *Adventist Record* and read it from time to time as a reminder of long ago when I assembled it. The magazine is looking better than ever!

However, I am stirred to make some comment after reading "Remembering 1919" (August 17).

I'm not averse to open enquiry and discussion, and would not have been troubled if this had come out as an opinion or discussion piece. As commentary on "Adventist history" it is problematic.

Out of the gate there is the characterisation of the conference as damage control after calling WWI a direct prelude to the second coming. First, given the lost ark status of the minutes, this is surely supposition at best and not borne out by any reading of Adventist publications during the war; which are generally remarkably restrained, other than some foolish assertions regarding Turkey. The interregnum between the wars was a time of disillusionment for Western society and not particularly a time of religious fundamentalism.

For much of Protestantism and arguably Adventism [this] was more characteristic of the 1950-1970 era, when higher criticism kicked in, and fundamentalism reared its head in reaction.

"Fundamentalism" is a loaded term today more than ever, and I fear it is used as a bullwhip in this article to tame those who might differ from this overly "progressive" interpretation of our history; just as the term "legalism" was used in the '70s to cow those who clung to the holiness concepts that clearly animated Ellen White and the entire early Adventist movement.

Adventism in the West particularly is indeed facing a crisis . . . it comes from a loss of focus on founding principles and the childish thought that legitimacy comes from being gospel generalists.

Lincoln Steed, USA

NOT APPROPRIATE

I have just finished reading "A prophet to God's end-time people" (Week of Prayer, September 2019) from Ellen White's "Life Sketches" written during a

distressful spiritual experience for her.

I thought it was not the most appropriate selection to bring to world Church readers in these stressful times. With our problems of globalisation, pollution, global warming and nuclear threat, surely a reassuring message of Christian hope would have been more comforting.

President Ted Wilson commended the authors for the series and referred to "her [EGW] strong emphasis on the Bible". Yet "the Bible" was only mentioned twice and the "Testimonies" 20 times. Very unbalanced, in my opinion.

Malcolm Ford, NZ

FINAL ARBITER

Re: "Not Infallible" (August 17). "The Bible and the Bible only" is often code for "do whatever you want to do". That's why we have so many churches and denominations.

If we cannot use Ellen White as the determinative final arbiter of what Scripture means then where are we to turn for answers? Which church in the 21st century lines up with Scrip-

ture? I believe God saw the false churches and teachers and gave us EGW. Protestantism today is fallen.

Can we find some mistakes in EGW writings? If we want to undermine her, we can. So what? We can find a few dozen contradictions in the Bible too. Does it mean the Bible is fallible? No human being can claim to be infallible—God alone can make such a claim.

Opponents of EGW often claim that she wasn't a theologian. But it is God who chooses His prophets—they don't need to be puffed up with man-made education.

One prophet who passes the biblical tests of a true prophet is to be heeded above the ramblings of all the theologians in the world.

Wally Sobor, NSW

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Appreciation

THOMSON. Eleanor and the family of Ken Thomson appreciate the acts of kindness they received at Ken's passing and would like to say thank you for the visits, flowers, food, cards and words of love and caring.

Wedding



ANDERSON —GENTRY.

Joshua Anderson, son of Jonathon and Dianne Anderson (Patumahoe, NZ), and Kristyn Gentry, daughter of Michelle Gentry (Manukau), were married on 25.8.19 at the Markovina Estate in Kumeu. Kristyn and Josh met in Year 8 at Tyndall Park Christian School and began dating in their late teens. Kristyn, a speech therapist, and Josh, a teacher and part-time farmer, both care deeply about helping others to live better lives. They have established their home in Auckland.

Leanne Davies

(AdventCare Whitehorse). He travelled to Fiji and India with fly'n'build teams. Don and family attended Nunawading church and when he retired, after 40 years, Lilydale church. His faith was solid and he lived a fulfilling life.

Morrie Krieg

RICHARDS, Dorothy Eileen, born 3.6.1929 in Dora Creek, NSW; died 5.1.18 in Wyong. On 3.9.1955, she married George, who predeceased her in 1996. Dorothy is survived by son, Kerry and Jillian (Morisset); daughter, Leonie and James Hough (Maitland); and grandchildren, Cameron and Kendall Hough. Dorothy became an accomplished organ and piano player as well as a talented singer. She was a skilled yacht crew member, an exceptional seamstress and designer. Her first contact with the Adventist Church was as an employee at Sanitarium and at some point Dorothy and George became Seventh-day Adventists. More than her exceptional abilities and skills was her love for her Lord.

Alan Saunders

VETRA-WNUCK, Jonathan Mark (Spruco), born 14.9.1950 in Hobart, Tas; died 5.8.19 in Wantirna, Vic. In 1994 he married Diana in Bowral, NSW. Spruco was predeceased by his daughter Nicole in 2013. He is survived by his wife (Warburton, Vic); stepsons, John and family (Liverpool, NSW), and Jordan and family (Sydney). Spruco was an honest man and never told a lie. Right to the end, he had a great memory. He was a hard, skillful worker, building tunnels, drains and working in mines. Spruco grew up in many places, but he felt at home in Warburton. He told his good friend Wayne Mitchell to have his funeral held in Warburton church. That request was fulfilled and Spruco is now resting in peace in God's caring hands.

Morrie Krieg



WANTLING, William Thomas, born 1.11.1932 in Stanthorpe, Qld; died

21.6.19 in O'Reillys Rainforest Retreat. On 7.4.1958 he married Doreen Kay Wantling (nee Bryant). He was predeceased by his son, Colin. He is survived by his wife; four daughters, Marlene, Julie, Sharon and Andrea; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Tom was a much-loved husband and father who will be greatly missed. We await the resurrection day and the return of Jesus Christ.

Gary Roberts

ADVENTIST CHURCH 125TH ANNIVERSARY.

May 22-24, 2020. Former church pastors, members, families and friends are invited to celebrate this significant anniversary with us on Norfolk Island. If you have old photos, memories, anecdotes and memorabilia to share, or inquiries, please contact Ken Weslake <nufkason@gmail.com>.

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International airfares, group travel specialists. Great tours 2020: May 17-31—Israel and Jordan, Dr Peter Roennfeldt. May/June—Paul's missionary journeys. May/

ADVERTISING

NORFOLK ISLAND SEVENTH-DAY

SUPPORTING MINISTRY

CEDARVALE

Maintenance Position

Cedarvale Health Retreat is seeking a suitable candidate for the role of maintenance manager/groundsman. This position is to commence with a handover in November 2019. It is expected that the successful applicant would have a passion for health evangelism and would proactively support Cedarvale's status as a supportive ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. For details call (02) 4465 1362 or <info@cedarvaleretreat.com.au>. Expressions of interests/applications can be submitted at <cedarvale.org/job>. **Applications close October 14, 2019.**

Health Evangelism Course

With eight years experience now completed, Cedarvale is still running their Medical Missionary Training Course for the young and "young-at-heart". We are currently looking for new female students for 2020 to fill our January and July intakes. Why not come and work alongside our team of experienced and dedicated health professionals and be a part of seeing how health ministry in action changes lives. Be mentored and encouraged in a team that you become a valued part of. This is a great opportunity not to be missed by school leavers or even those who just want to experience the joy of serving. The course has pathways to achieve Cert IV in Massage as well as Cert IV PCHEP—our Adventist Health Education Course. Some students can receive Centrelink for support (if they qualify). Visit <cedarvale.org/School> for more information and application forms, or call (02) 4465 1362. Also check what we do as a retreat at <cedarvaleretreat.com.au>. **Applications for January intake close November 8, 2019.**

Cedarvale is an independent ministry supportive of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

KARALUNDI COLLEGE

Various Positions

Karalundi College (WA) is a co-educational, Grade 7-10 Christian boarding school that serves the Aboriginal people of the Mid-West and Pilbara regions, in Western Australia. The college is starting in January 2020. The Board is looking for Adventist staff who can help to effectively deliver the school program, and support and encourage students. Positions available are: Principal, classroom teachers, boarding staff, kitchen staff, administration officer, business manager, chaplain, Aboriginal education workers, head cook, cafe/caravan park manager. Part-time positions: assistant cook, maintenance, swimming pool manager, groundsperson and mechanic. Successful applicants will be required to start and be on site by January 2020. For more details, please contact Brendan Webb at <finance@karalundi.wa.edu.au> or call 0422520683. **Applications close October 5, 2019.**

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June–Greece, Patmos, Turkey, Dr Roennfeldt. January 3–13 Cruise Sydney to New Zealand. Passion play Oberammergau—date TBA. October—Gary Kent Bible lands. General Conference Indianapolis. Contact: Anita or Peter on 0405 260 155. Email <alltrav@bigpond.net.au>.

AT LAST FOR CHURCH MUSIC GROUPS

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal transposed for B flat, E flat, C and F instruments in three parts (except not permitted

copyright hymns). Visit <tiny.cc/nfigbz> to access the music.

GIANT BOOKSALE (DEFINITELY THE LAST)

Bargains galore. 1500 books. \$A3 each to clear. Cash only. Half are religious, EG White commentaries, half are not religious, Australiana, Aboriginal history, children’s novels etc (collectables). Nunawading church, 169 Central Rd. 10 am–3 pm. Cup Day, Tuesday, November 5. Make a calendar note now. Also a garage sale.

TO GIVE AWAY: HAMADA CD PRINTING PRESS

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SOUTH PERTH SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH REUNION

Sunday, October 13, 2019, 2–6pm. NB new venue. Baha’i Centre, 27 Lawler Street, South Perth. Please bring a plate of finger food to share and any

photos or memorabilia. Drinks provided. Enquiries and any memories you would like to share, please email Lesley (McGrath) <lesleytoppy@gmail.com>. Mobile 0439 092 236.

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POSITIONS VACANT

FAITH FM MARKETING AND CONTENT MANAGER AUSTRALIAN UNION CONFERENCE - RINGWOOD, VIC

Do you have a passion for spreading the gospel through various media? If so, Faith FM wants you on their team! The Seventh-day Adventist Church (AUC) Limited is expanding their Faith FM team and is seeking a confident presenter to fundraise and promote the Faith FM radio ministry. This person needs to demonstrate excellent management and communication skills, and will have relevant experience and/or training commensurate with the position, such as pastoral ministry or teaching experience. In this role, you will create awareness and engagement with stakeholders; identify potential content creators; and oversee the production and sourcing of content. This full-time position is based at the Australian Church’s administrative office in Melbourne. For full selection criteria, please email <MelissaHill@adventist.org.au>. NB: The appointing body reserves the right to fill this position at its discretion and to close applications early; only those who have a legal right to work in Australia may apply. **Applications close October 15, 2019.**

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT—DONOR RELATIONS ADVENTIST MEDIA - WAHROONGA, NSW

Adventist Media is looking for an enthusiastic and self-motivated person to join our friendly team. The successful candidate will be passionate about serving the Church, have excellent communication and people skills, a friendly phone manner and data entry experience. A major part of this role involves liaising with our magazine subscribers and donors. Other duties include assisting with promotional activities and with the Seventh-day Adventist Church Identity project, as well as general office duties. This full-time role is broad and varied, suited to someone with strong organisational skills and a “can do” attitude. If this sounds like you, please email <joycarey@adventistmedia.org.au> for full selection criteria. The appointing body reserves the right to fill this position at its discretion and to close applications early. Only those who have a legal right to work in Australia may apply. **Applications close October 21, 2019.**

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (NURSING) AVONDALE COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION - WAHROONGA, NSW

Avondale (Sydney Campus) seeks applications from suitably qualified and experienced academics for the position of associate professor in nursing to demonstrate academic leadership in the areas of research, scholarship and teaching. Applicants will hold a doctoral qualification, have demonstrated experience in inspiring and motivating student engagement, and be able to demonstrate academic leadership in the areas of research, scholarship and teaching. It is anticipated

that the appointment will commence in 2020. For the selection criteria of the above position, please visit <avondale.edu.au/about/employment/>. Applications, addressing the selection criteria, with contact details of at least three referees, should be emailed to <employment@avondale.edu.au>. Applicants must have the right to work in Australia. Avondale is an equal opportunity employer and reserves the right to make a delayed appointment, not to appoint or to appoint by invitation. **Applications close October 21, 2019.**

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ASSISTANT BOOK EDITOR SIGNS PUBLISHING - WARBURTON, VIC

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