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## **"ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING"**

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#### 1. What is the ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING?

Please let me explain. The ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING is a world-wide, soul-winning mission which will place first priority on evangelism in all forms and at all levels, commencing Sabbath, September 18, 1982, and continuing until June 15, 1985.

#### 2. Who will take part?

All church members, churches, conferences, union conferences and divisions are invited to participate.

### 3. What is the objective of the ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING?

The objective of the ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING is for the world church to win one thousand souls per day for one thousand days. (One thousand multiplied by one thousand equals one million.)

# 4. Will this be in the form of a world-wide public evangelistic campaign such as Mission '72?

"Mission '72' made 1972 the greatest year of soul-winning we have known. Almost every church conducted a preaching series. The ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING will provide opportunities like Mission '72, but will be different and, we pray, even better.

#### 5. What is the plan?

Because God has given to each church member his or her own special gifts and talents by which to reach out to others and to win them to Christ, opportunity will be given for all to use those gifts, and for the churches to share with one another their members' soul-winning ideas.

#### 6. How does the plan get underway?

Church boards, in counsel with their church pastors, call together ideas groups. Some have already started,

### 7. What will be the work of the ideas groups?

Their work will be:

(a) To plan for a special season of revival meetings in their churches beginning with the opening of the ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING on Sabbath, September 18.

(b) To pray for spiritual renewal for themselves and for the whole church family.

(c) To discuss methods of soul-winning

which individuals, groups, or the whole church can employ during the one thousand days.

(d) To lay definite plans for a series of co-ordinated evangelistic outreaches of their own choosing.

(e) To set their own goals and objectives for soul-winning.

#### 8. Does this mean that churches will be unassisted in planning or resourcing their outreach programs?

No, by no means. Strong support will be offered to the local churches through the resourcing departments and the conference co-ordinator. They will help in every way possible. Here are examples of how they can help:

(a) Provide a series of ideas and methods of soul-winning which the church could use during their ideas group sessions.

(b) Supply prepared meeting outlines and Bible studies, slides, visual aids, etc., where needed.

(c) Supply audio and video-tapes for lending by church members, etc.

(d) Help cross-share with other churches ideas and methods thought up by the various ideas groups.

#### 9. Will there be the co-ordination and togetherness necessary for a world-wide mission such as this?

Yes, co-ordinators have been appointed not only for your local conference, but for union conferences, union missions and all divisions throughout the world. This means that the world church will step out unitedly on September 18 with the knowledge that each church, under the guidance of God, is working its particular objectives and sharing in the common aim of carrying the gospel to all within reach, although detailed methods may vary from church to church.



A. N. Duffy, Ministerial/Stewardship secretary. Australasian Division co-ordinator for the 1,000 Days of Reaping.

#### 10. By conducting a massive evangelistic drive such as this, is there not danger that some may be hurried into baptism?

A call has been made by our world leaders for proper care to be taken in this matter. It is worded as follows: "To call upon all ministers and lay leaders to increase the spiritual thoroughness of their evangelistic work so that baptismal candidates are well grounded in the principles of salvation and doctrinal truth, and to train new members to labour for souls so that they may quickly join hands with the church in redemptive outreach."

### 11. Is there a timetable for the lead-up to the one thousand days?

Yes, as follows:

(a) Commence ideas groups as soon as possible.

(b) By May 7: Report to local conference co-ordinator on progress made.

(c) After May 7: Continue with regular meetings for the purpose of fully developing the church's plan, all the while keeping the conference co-ordinator well informed.

(d) By July 17: Have requests for the support materials which are needed lodged with the conference co-ordinator.

(e) September 18: Commence the ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING with



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### In Touch With the President ... ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING



#### THE HARVEST IS RIPE! THE LORD IS COMING! IT IS TIME FOR US TO RISE UP AND REAP!

THESE URGENT CONVICTIONS are pressing in upon the hearts of many Seventh-day Adventists today as evidence multiplies that the world is running out of time. The day of grace is soon to pass.

People the world over are apprehensive about their future. A mood of disappointment, perplexity, even grief, is overtaking them because things have not turned out as they had dreamed. Many see no bright signs ahead—even the rich and affluent—and life is filled with confusing paradoxes for both rich and poor alike.

Economists apparently cannot contain the economy, hence wealth is uncertain. Governments cannot effectively govern. Workers cannot guarantee their labour. "Peacemakers" are locked in a deadly arms race to amass weapons which have unimaginable power to wound, kill and destroy, and to take peace from the earth. Huge sums are allocated both to save life and to kill by the same leaders. "Liberation" movements are binding their people in fetters. Statesmen are gunned down in the streets of their electors. Families, once united by the closest bonds, are breaking up. Hearts, too, are breaking on a massive scale. Billions face famine and starvation, while incredible amounts of money go to "defence" and "scientific progress." More than one million dollars per minute are expended on armaments while human woe multiplies for want of life's barest necessities. Thus Satan intensifies the woes of the human race while, with all means within his power, he shuts them away from Christ. One poignant sentence from Ellen G. White's "*Prophets and Kings*" comes home to us with rather frightening impact. She writes: "The time is at hand when there will be sorrow in the world that no human balm can heal."—Page 277.

I do not find it difficult to believe that this situation is already overtaking us. Must we not quickly arise and do for the world around us whatever lies within our power to do?

If the day of grace is passing away for others, what must this mean to the children of grace? As we scan the world scene we see a teeming 2,500,000,000 people who have never heard of Christ. Probably 3,500,000,000 would have no idea that there was such a thing as the Advent message. Even those figures become obsolete by the minute. The experts tell us that in just sixty seconds the world population grows by 141 people. That is 8,640 per hour, 202,040 per day, 1,414,280 per week and 73,542,560 per year. They say these estimates are conservative. The birth-rate is alarming, but it is rather the death-rate that must come home to us, because many of the dying go out into the night without the assurance of salvation, never having heard of a God of love, a man called Jesus, a place called Calvary, or eternal life in an earth made new where there shall be no more pain.

Nor do these strangers to the gospel dwell only in faraway places. They crowd around us daily. In the streets, in the supermarkets, even in homes next door to our own. Most of them are hiding deep pain and sorrow behind smiling faces or vacant stares. Or they are endeavouring to escape into the unreal world of drugs and alcohol. Even small children who were made to be as carefree as the lambs often carry burdens too heavy for their little shoulders to bear. Many are "looking wistfully to heaven." As never before it is time to reach out that compassionate hand and to use every gift that God has given us to touch and to bless and to bring others to Christ for healing.

With these solemn challenges weighing upon their hearts, world representatives of the church met at the October 1981 Annual Council in Washington. During the meetings they were moved to initiate a united, world-wide uprising of gospel ministry by all of our churches so that we might realise the great soul-winning dream which we have anticipated for a long time now, "when more than one thousand will . . . be converted in one day."—*Review and Herald*, November 10, 1885. Actually that day cannot be far off, for already about 800 are now being baptised daily.

The action which the Annual Council took, was as follows: "To launch an unprecedented world-wide soul-winning thrust, placing unquestioned priority on evangelism in all its forms and on all levels, by dedicating the one thousand days preceding the 1985 General Conference Session in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the claiming of one million souls for Christ. These ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING will be launched on Sabbath, September 18, 1982, in churches throughout the world and will conclude on June 15, 1985, two Sabbaths before the General Conference Session."

In glad response to this challenge and the opportunities it will afford, the Australasian Division officers and executive committee, together with our union conferences, union missions, local conferences and local missions, invite every church, minister, member and administrator alike to share in this grand objective.

Here is an opportunity for a world-wide joining together in a great helping-hand, soul-winning outreach such as we know can be put forth under the power of the Holy Spirit; an opportunity to experience the joy of having one million new members added to the Advent family, and of seeing the Lord's coming hastened. (continued)

## Our Church Leaders and Bible Teachers Are Together

#### W. A. TOWNEND

I SAW EVIDENCE. Felt it. Thanked God for it. And—I simply must try to tell you about it.

For the first time, so far as I have been able to discover, all the presidents, secretaries and treasurers of our church organisation in Australasia-that is, Division, union conferences and union missions and local conferences-and Avondale College Bible teachers, were together in one place for a whole day for a specific purpose. The men present had come from Wahroonga to Western Pacific, from Melbourne to mid-Pacific and from Papua New Guinea to Perth, and many places in between. There were some forty of us. It was to me, and I am sure to many others, a kind of Acts 2 experience. We were even in an upper room, there at Crosslands Youth Camp on the southern bank of an arm of the Hawkesbury River, near Sydney.

We had heeded the call to "Come ye apart." Outside—the refreshing influences of recently rain-refreshed bush. Inside—the sweet influences of that other rain, the Holy Spirit.

An inkling of the kind of day ahead came through to us in our Division president's word of welcome, a lustily sung hymn and a from-the-soul prayer. It was going to be a day of warm fellowship. Thus we had prayed. Thus we "felt in our bones," as we say. Avondale yesterday, today, tomorrow came

Avondale yesterday, today, tomorrow came through as college principal Dr. James Cox gave a clear picture of where our senior college had been those past eighty years or so, where it is today and where it is going. Looked at in terms of basic objectives and accomplishments, Avondale is on course.

At that point of refreshing insight our leaders were introduced to the members of the Theology department, the men who teach the Bible to some 600 students. The introductions were more than formal.

First the department chairman, Dr. Arthur Ferch, and then A. Salom, N. Young, B. Brinsmead, L. Turner, A. Patrick, A. Fletcher, E. Giller and W. A. Townend each told the group exactly what he taught at Avondale, Many subject descriptions, copies of what our students receive at the beginning of the year,

were handed out. Questions and comments followed. This feature was well received. Communication-that was it.

Further refreshing insights came to us as Dr. Cox outlined the story of Seventh-day Adventists' statements of fundamental beliefs. Each of the statements we had made as a church throughout the years was on the screen for all to see. We saw the unity. And we were grateful for the scholarship of our principal, and too, heartened by his assurance that Avondale College is, as ever, committed to believing and teaching the fundamentals of our faith.

It was noon already. Noon and lunch. And the program was but three minutes behind schedule!

Acts 2 "upper room unity" came through particularly clearly, refreshingly so, at lunch and again during the evening meal. Administrators and college men sat down and ate together. There were no little "political huddles," whispered remarks, furtive glances across tables or anything akin to that. Fellowship. Wholesome fellowship. That was it.

This spirit of brotherly fellowship surely could be seen during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon recess periods. An administrator and a college man were seen casually strolling along a bush track. On the same track were several men from both groups. Together. Relaxed. Brethren.

This same spirit went into every session of the nine-hour day we spent together on subjects such as "Scripture: Authority and Inspiration": "Daniel Seven in Context"; "The Message of Hebrews"; "The Sabbath." Discussion, free, friendly and frank, followed each presentation of unchanged and unchanging Bible truths.

I had taken a notebook with me. But I must confess I didn't use it very much. The total experience of the day was so absorbing that one just forgot everything else, even note-taking!

However, now and again I did jot down a sentence. One or two of them . . .

"The Sabbath is the personal property of Jesus Himself."-College lecturer B. Brinsmead.

"Our college men's understanding of our

#### (Editorial continued)

Our ministers will be calling us together in our local churches to pray and to plan as to how we can best use our talents and spiritual gifts to the blessing and winning of the souls around us. I pray that the Lord will touch all of our hearts at this time and renew us with His great power. Power that will revive our own spiritual vitality as well as power to accomplish the task He has given us to do. A task, not merely for one thousand days, but for as long as it takes the Lord to come. Not only for the baptism of one million souls, but for the blessing of every soul whose life we touch, whether or not they choose to believe.

May God bless you, dear church member, with His abundant grace as you do your best to serve Him during the special days of praying, planning and working which are just ahead of us. Above all may you have the deep joy of personally leading men and women to the Saviour.

Yours sincerely in the Master's service, K. S. Parmenter, President, Australasian Division. Advent message and their commitment to it is no less than ours. "-Division secretary R. W. Taylor.

"We are all part of a total process—we send students to Avondale, you educate them, we employ them."—Conference president H. G. Harker.

I do remember turning to my seat-mate, Robert H. Parr, and asking him, "What are your thoughts?" Responded Greater Sydney's president, "Splendid, terrific." D. B. Hills, North New Zealand's leader told me that he believed "a day like this is both good and necessary." Yes, it is both good and necessary not only to believe that we are all together in the work of our church, but to actually see it, feel it. We did.

All too soon birds in the treetops outside our upper room's windows were beginning to gather for their evening songs of praise. How quickly the day had gone! How sweetly, too. Our hearts were full of praise, blending so nicely with those of the little bundles of trusting feathered energy that we could see and hear as Dr. Cox opened the Word during the day's last session of Bible study and meditation.

Then our Australasian leader's final words to us: "We will so soon all be part of the grand final triumph of the Lord's church." This, Pastor Parmenter, we believe with you—we church leaders and Bible teachers alike. And our beloved General Conference man's prayer sealed the belief as in our hearts we prayed with Pastor Duncan Eva for more likeness to Jesus.

Was I the only one at that moment of parting thinking of our students, their parents, their friends, their supporters—theirs and ours throughout the whole field? We all are one in Christ, bound together by the ties of this great Advent message. This the day had told us, again.

#### ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING (continued from page 1)

earnestly prayed-for, well-prepared spiritual revival meetings.

(f) Conduct special "Witnessing for Christ" baptisms of candidates won during the latter part of 1982. Encourage these new members to dedicate their time and talents to serving others.

(g) March, 1983: All churches launch their major outreach programs.

Dear Reader, Let us all join hands in putting this grand idea to work. You have God-given gifts and talents. However many or few they be, will you dedicate them to the service of the Master who gave His all for you and me? Please pray that God will show you how to use your talents during this great outreach to come, and to respond gladly to every opportunity that comes to you to help another find the way to everlasting life. May He give you great happiness in His service. YOUTH FEATURE ....

The Devil Made Me Do It

MIKE JONES

#### How in the world do you quit doing something you don't want to do when you still want to do it?

ONCE UPON A TIME I had a problem with a particular besetting sin, and it was a real tangle.

The way it worked was like this. The devil would see me coming and throw out his bait. I always bit, and he always hooked me and reeled me in. What made the entire matter so ridiculous was that after a while I knew there was a hook in the bait before I bit.

Not only did I know there was a hook in the bait, I also knew the devil was at the other end of the line. But I just couldn't seem to resist.

After a time I got pretty discouraged about the situation, and so I prayed about it. That's what we're told to do. Pray when we're in trouble! So the next time the devil arched out one of his enticing lures, I saw it coming and I prayed about it. Then I promptly took the bait and got hauled in again.

Finally I went to the Bible for help and read, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7. And I thought I would try. Things got better for a time. But then one day out of nowhere came that one lure that I had so much trouble staying away from.



I tried resisting. I even thought about praying. But as I watched the lure wriggle through the water right in front of me I became utterly fascinated. Over and over the lure came by. Finally I could resist no longer and I hit it hard and was soon hauled in again, threshing all the way.

Gasping away on the devil's stringer, I began to realise that there was just no way that I could handle this sin problem by myself. My sore mouth told me that it was high time I got some special help. So I asked for it, and the first thing I knew I was free again. But for how long?

How in the world do you quit doing something you don't want to do when you still want to do it? How do you overcome a sin problem when you still enjoy the sin?

Here are a few ideas that I have been trying, which have really helped me:

1. I have found that it pays to ask God to help me want to do what's right. So when I'm having a highly difficult temptation I tell Him, "Lord, please take my will and give me strength to do Your will."

2. In addition to giving my will to God, I ask Him to take all my desires and give me new ones wherever necessary. I ask Him to give me His kind of desires and I thank Him for doing this. For He has promised, "Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desire of your heart." Psalm 37:4, R.S.V.

3. When temptation comes I not only ask the Lord for help, I also try to get away fast to another part of the lake. The times when I don't move out quickly, but pause to consider the temptation even briefly, I frequently get hooked.

4. Resisting temptation requires effort. Some people who have turned their lives over to Jesus talk about how "Jesus does everything. There is nothing that man can do." And they sit back and wait for the Lord to go to work. This idea has never worked for me. It is true that we can do nothing to be forgiven for our sins. Only the blood of Jesus does this. However, we have plenty to do in resisting temptation to sin. The Lord does not resist temptation for us. This is our job. And we accomplish it only through divinely empowered human effort.

By itself, my human effort is watery jelly. But by choosing to give God my will, I can become an armoured tank, capable of doing "all things in Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13, R.S.V.

5. As I continue to give God my will at least two things happen. The first is that I find I do indeed have the power to resist temptation to sin. And, second, I have the desire to want to resist. Both are vital. For while power without desire is insufficient, so is desire without power equally hopeless. But power and desire together can produce incredible victories over all temptation, and that is good news.

6. Cultivate replacements. If the wrong kind of music is your temptation don't eliminate music from your life. Ask the Lord to guide you to some new tapes or records. You might also ask Him to help you enjoy the new music and learn to dislike the former music that caused you trouble. This may take a little time. In my case, I virtually had to stop using my radio for a long time.

If your thoughts are perverted, ask God to give you His thoughts. (He does this through devotional reading, as well as through prayer.) If clothing is your problem, ask Him to help you develop a tasteful and simple wardrobe as you discard those items that impair your witness.

Recently on the train home one evening, I was wearing a new suit that apparently had too much zip to it. "Going gambling tonight?" a female commuter asked, grinning. Good-bye snazzy suit!

Whether your problem is language, the things you eat and drink, your wardrobe, or whatever, look for sanctified replacements. The Lord will help you find them. He never takes anything away without offering something better in its place.

The other day a great bully of a temptation suddenly loomed up leaving me with only time for a hurried, "Please, Lord. Help. Now." He did. Along with a little God-empowered effort on my part. I'm still trying to get over how fast a formerly powerful temptation wobbles away when God and I together take it on. Thanks again, Father.

# WANT TO BE IN A MOVIE?"

WOULD YOU LIKE to take part in a movie? Then you had better plan to be at the combined T.T.U.C./T.A.U.C. Pathfinder Camporee in Brisbane, Queensland, from January 4 to 9, 1983.

At the Division Camporee at Yarramundi the film, "Smile, You're a Pathfinder," was produced, and then another twenty-minute film was taken, showing the activities at the T.A.U.C. Camporee in Tasmania. This time we plan to produce a very professional film of all the fun and activity that will be discovered at the Brisbane River Camporee, and we want as many Pathfinders as possible to be there so they can be in it. The film will be mass-produced, so it can be shown around each conference and used to promote Pathfindering throughout the Division.

Camporees have proved to be of tremendous value in the past, not just in the impetus they give to the Pathfinder movement, but, more importantly, in the spiritual and social impact that they make upon each individual who attends.

Pathfinders meet and make friends with others from all over Australia and New Zealand, and some of those friendships will last a long time and will prove to be another influence for good.

Our boys and girls will also be led to understand the Bible better as many of its stories are made to live as they are enacted before them. The love of Christ will become more meaningful as dedicated ministers and leaders share that love in word and life.

A true understanding of what God is like is often found in a quiet moment by the river or as the junior rests beneath a shady tree.

Camporees develop in our children, attributes of diligence, trust, co-operation and self-control. Juniors and teens discover that Pathfindering is fun, that Christianity is fun and that belonging to Jesus is the happiest experience of life.

If that's what you want for your child, then the Brisbane River Camporee is a must.



"NOT ONCE since we were married twenty-one years ago has my husband told me he loved me."

At first I could scarcely believe what I was hearing. Yet, as I considered the personality and the disposition of the man concerned, I could be persuaded that the words just might be true. It was not surprising when the marriage ended in divorce a short time later.

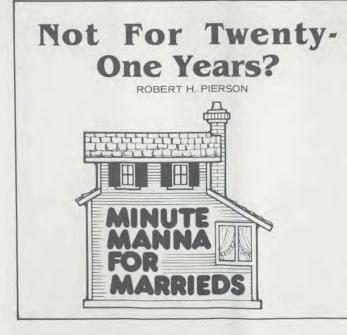
Love cannot thrive for long where it is seldom expressed.

The Lord's messenger reminds us that if we desire to have "a home where love dwells," that love must be expressed "in words."—Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students," page 115.

Wives need to be told they are loved. Husband's hearts likewise are cheered to know they are loved. Children need to be assured frequently that their parents love them.

I know one couple, still very much in love after a long and happy marriage, whose last words to each other before they fall asleep at night are, "I love you, dear."

"I love you"—three small words, but, oh, so important to a happy marriage.



### THE CARTER REPORT IN SYDNEY

BRUCE PRICE, Communication Director, Greater Sydney Conference

THE LARGEST CROWD the Sydney Opera House has ever known packed its great concert hall seven times over the week-end of March 12 to 14, 1982, to hear an Adventist evangelist, John Carter, speak on Biblical archaeology.

The first program of the Carter Report had been widely advertised as "Amazing Discoveries," featuring the wonders and treasures of ancient Egypt. This caught the imagination of over 30,000 people who rang and tried to secure tickets, before television announcements flashed the news that the program was fully booked.

"Fully booked" was an understatement, since from past experience Pastor Carter knew that of those who book only two-thirds come. He instructed his nervous staff to issue almost 25,000 tickets, and then take bookings for the next programs. His calculations proved accurate, and none of those holding tickets who had claimed their seats when each program started were turned away.

It was different for late-comers however, whose seats were given to the hundreds who turned up without tickets in the hope of getting in. Although the concert hall seats less than 2,500, in the seven sessions the Opera House staff were able to pack over 17,000 in. They say it is the largest number in their history.

The number of church members who attended was comparatively few. This was because most never realised it would be booked out five days before the opening night. When they went to book it was too late. They were as thrilled as much as they were disappointed, and will be happy to attend and support as soon as the numbers subside.

As the lights lowered at the start of each program, the orchestra led by Warren Judd struck up, and the spotlight focused on his wife, Jan, singing, "I Believe." Already the audience in that vast and beautiful hall had been thrilled by Tom Mitchell of Melbourne, playing the magnificent Opera House pipe-organ. For those who had attended the Carter Report in the Dallas Brooks Hall in Melbourne, it was obvious that John Carter was operating again with his tried and trusted friends. Much of the success of the advertising was due to the very professional television commercials produced by Warren Judd and Alan Holman, also of the Adventist Media Centre, who had designed the brochures and newspaper advertising.

At each session, John Carter was introduced by Pastor Robert H. Parr, the president of the Greater Sydney Conference. Over twelve months ago, he and his committee had pledged that they would fully support Pastor Carter, as he planned to bring to the people of Sydney all the thrilling Bible truths contained in the three angels' messages. Pastor Parr has not only done this, but he has also led a united team of forty central city ministers to pray and work unstintingly for the success of the mission and the salvation of souls in this, the largest and most challenging city in the Australasian Division.

As the lights lowered again the huge screen burst into colour, featuring the dazzling gold death-mask of Tutankhamen. The audience quickly forgot that they were in one of the world's most famous and costly venues. They were not even aware of the fact they were sitting on seats which had cost hundreds of dollars each.

Veteran evangelist and administrator Pastor S. M. Uttley described the presentation as being excellent and the speaker very conversant with this subject. As he thought of the opportunities evangelists have today in being able to use modern equipment, especially along photographic lines, the use of TV media advertising, etc., his voice trailed off, "I only wish we had had such opportunities in our day

For years our people throughout this Division had dreamed of the time when this message could be preached in Australia's most outstanding venue, the Sydney Opera House. To accomplish such an ambitious venture required tremendous team support. This has been given by both laity and the ministry, including many former evangelists, who also gave of their time, talents and finance.

Pastor Carter's first task was to help raise an enormous amount of the finance necessary. This he had done over the past number of months. Among the first anxious to support him

Singer Jan Judd Photo: Adventist Media Centre







in this way was the now ailing veteran evangelist, Pastor J. W. Kent. It was his practical way of wishing John Carter the Lord's blessing preaching the truths he had presented over sixty years ago.

When an excellent pre-campaign newspaper was prepared by David Gibbons, the headmaster of the Doonside Seventh-day Adventist Primary School, one of the writers urging support for the program was Pastor George Burnside. Later he was seen in the Sydney suburbs giving out handbills along with thousands of loyal church members and men like Pastors Athal Tolhurst, Stuart Uttley, and Arthur Duffy. These 700,000 coloured brochures were given out under the organising hand of Pastor Ken Wright. Another local evangelist, Pastor Bert Metcalfe, was in charge of newspaper advertising, which, despite a later newspaper report, had stated that Pastor Carter was an Adventist.

Invaluable evangelistic support has been provided by Pastor Bill Sleight, the team manager. The unity and expertise of the mission team has been greatly helped by his experience and personality.

Preparation for the campaign had been most thorough. For the previous four Sabbaths throughout our Sydney churches, over forty colour television videos presented a message urging support and giving direction in the preparation for the mission. A team of over 250 laymen was assembled by Pastor Vern Parmenter on Sunday nights for training, to help assist with the overwhelming number of names all were praying for.

To handle the bookings Pastor Douglas Jenkins and Mrs. Joan Irvine swung into action, training over 200 telephonists. A week before the mission they began manning twenty phones in shifts from 7 a.m. until midnight.

Problems have been legion. However, each time the hand of the Lord has been seen overruling in a wonderful way. One example was seen when the volume of calls blew the telephone exchange—on that very shift one of the telephonists was found to work for Telecom. Within seven minutes he had made the necessary contacts to not only have the calls flowing again, but steps were made to ensure there would be no such further difficulties.

Stage manager Pastor Ray Jackson found himself confronted with the task of securing a screen measuring thirty by thirty feet. None were available in Sydney. He finally was able to employ a company to construct one, but with the necessary specifications acceptable to the Opera House. It is doing a magnificent job.

The Opera House has regulations not usually encountered in most venues. However, as we got to know the staff at all levels we found them most gracious and co-operative in helping to solve such difficulties. One was concerning the ushering, which their union insists they must do. We called ours "hosts" and "hostesses," and all worked very harmoniously together. With the help of our Italian church pastor, Frank Tassone, Shirley Lewis did a sterling job training and organising over 100 young people who carried out this task so efficiently. The young ladies looked most attractive in their powder-blue, full-length frocks. The men wore ties to match, white shirts and grey slacks. One of the hosts was Shirley's husband, a Sydney

### Youlden World Report 1982

#### DAVID BRYCE, Public Relations Officer, Youlden Report

TOWNSVILLE is usually a little warm at this time of the year, but in 1982 things are warmer than usual. It's not just the weather either. Church folk are enthusiastically gearing up for the biggest thing to hit Townsville in years—the Youlden World Report.

Direct from Perth we have Pastor Geoff Youlden with his right-hand man, Pat Marshall, who is the production manager. Pat and his family have given up a secure job in the west in order to travel with Geoff to present our message to the people of north Queensland. Assisting are the pastors of the two Townsville churches, Pastor Mike Browning of Aitkenvale church and Brother David Bryce of the City church. A well-known member of the team is John Fulford, who is a volunteer and who worked in the area with Taskforce in 1981. Another volunteer, John Horvarth, has recently joined us from further north where he has been managing the farm on the Maranatha property. At the moment there are three full-time volunteers on the team, with the prospect of more joining in the near future.

While the team members are working with the church folk in seeking out the missing members who are still resident in the area, other church members are busily working on a survey to ascertain the interest in furthering one's knowledge of the Bible. It is truly amazing the way the Lord works, and through the faithful labours of these people many homes have already expressed a desire to receive invitations to the opening night. So far, about two dozen families have heard Pastor Youlden presenting the "Signs of the Second Coming" or "Daniel 2" in the privacy of their own homes. This has been achieved by the use of cassette copies of Geoff's Perth mission programs.

Geoff's practice of running the mission that the church members want has been continued in Townsville, where the mission committee is predominantly laymen. This committee is chaired Dr. Warren Shipton, lecturer in microbiology at the James Cook University. Preparations are well in hand for the opening of the Youlden World Report in the Twin Cinema complex on May 9. The late starting date was chosen to allow the wet season to finish before the program started, but to date the clouds have not opened up. Do pray that the weather will be favourable, as the heavy rain experienced during the north Queensland wet often forces movement on the roads to a standstill. Besides the survey work which is proving so fruitful, extensive visitation of backslidden members is underway. Any effort made for claiming lost souls from Satan's clutches needs to be attended by much prayer, and so we in Townsville earnestly solicit your prayers on our behalf that we might have the pleasure of seeing many sincere seekers after truth make their stand during this year.

medical specialist.

While they were playing their part in and around the Concert Hall, Pastor Graeme Loftus, recently returned from Andrews University with a Doctorate of Ministry, had the hazardous privilege of organising the crowds as they arrived. He kept his calm as thousands of people surged up the vast Opera House stairs. While most had reserved seat tickets, there were hundreds mingled with them who had not booked, but still hoped to get in.

Down in the bowels of the Opera House, with its winding corridors connecting its many rooms, one felt they were aboard a huge ocean liner like the *Queen Mary*. Here Pastor Max Hatton and his team were co-ordinating with meticulous care the thousands of names which continued to pour in from each session. Years ago, Max had been an ardent Jehovah's Witness, and he recalled the enthusiasm they used to exhibit at their assemblies. He contended that those who were now getting the full truth of the Bible should be treated with no less care, and he was working to that end.

Further teams under the direction of Pastor Lionel Smith and his wife worked tirelessly, filling the addressed envelopes with summaries and the requested tickets for future programs. These included the mid-week meetings in the Sydney Masonic Centre and the Blacktown Civic Hall.

It was thrilling to see the largest volume of names coming from the sections of Sydney where work is most poorly established. It is hoped that the mission may be the means of building our work in those areas.

The names also revealed some members had travelled from neighbouring conferences. Because they were travelling from so far they had booked well in advance and been able to secure tickets. Among them was a busload of Avondale College students—their teacher, former evangelist Pastor Austen Fletcher, had brought his theology students to observe. They returned to the college challenged and inspired that the best days of public evangelism are still ahead.

We have already seen the Lord lead in a wonderful and thrilling way. We ask that you will continue to remember Pastor Carter and his team at the Opera House as they proclaim the truth for this time. We also ask that you will pray for those who attend, that the Spirit of God will move on their hearts, hold back the opposition of the enemy, and work in their lives the miracle of being "born again" by the Word of God and the preaching of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## **The Problem of Blindness**

R. A. VINCE, Director, Christian Services for the Blind

HELEN KELLER grew into a highly intelligent and sensitive woman from being a near-savage, little deaf mute. Out of her many years of service for the blind she was able to place her finger on their greatest needs. "The curse of the blind," she wrote, "is not blindness, but idleness." She further declared, "The greatest problem facing the blind is not their blindness, but the lack of vision of their sighted friends." A United Nations newsletter confirms this by saying, "Negative attitudes toward people with impairments, causing children to be hidden from sight, kept in dark rooms, deprived of stimulation and normal social contacts, constitute much graver disabilities than the impairments themselves."

It is probable that some of us are among the 65 per cent of people shown by a recent poll to have negative feelings toward the handicapped—like "I want to help, but I don't know what to do," or "Do I comment on the crutches—or whatever, or do I just pretend they aren't there?" We have probably subscribed to false conceptions, such as the one that blind people can't hold down a job—or that they prefer each other's company—or that they are incapable of normal personal relationships—or that they need charity or welfare to get along. On the other hand we may still falsely believe blind folk to have a sort of sixth sense, simply because they make better use of their remaining senses than most people.

The New Vision Camps for Blind Children, conducted by Christian Services for the Blind, are a sincere attempt to rectify what Helen Keller pinpointed. Hundreds of young Adventists have, furthermore, in the past three years, derived personal satisfaction from associating with visually impaired youngsters. They have formed lasting friendships and found a spiritual

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ministry, particularly suited to their ideals of Christian service. For many, the training received as counsellors proved an "eyeopener"-for themselves. When the camp ends they are never quite the same persons as before. That the camps do a great deal for blind campers needs only to be witnessed to be believed. This was recognised, for example, by the Royal Society for the Blind in South Australia, who have printed pictures in their magazine of our first camp held there last January, and have asked for five more pictures for their annual report. They declare the camp to be a model of suitable outdoor pursuits for the blind. That New Vision Camps provide an almost equally valuable experience for our own youth as counsellors and staff is readily conceded by the Youth Department of the church. Thus a unique working relationship has sprung up between Christian Services for the Blind and the Youth Department in planning, preparing and conducting the camps held each year.

Over the year-end 1981-2 four camps were held in New South Wales, Greater Sydney, Victoria and South Australia serving about 120 visually handicapped youngsters.

They offered wonderful opportunities for good relations with the local media, who gave excellent, favourable coverage, and with other organisations for the blind, like the Royal Blind Society in New South Wales and the Christian Foundation for the Blind in Victoria, who assisted with staff training and provided valuable equipment.

Frank Peterson, director of Camping for Christian Record Braille Foundation in the U.S.A., accepted an invitation to visit us and help with the development of our staff training and camping skills. His contribution and personal friendliness won the hearts of staff and campers alike. His assessment of our camping standards and his praise for our volunteer staff and youth counsellors were unbounded. So we feel we are on the right track for the future. Next year we expect to see South New Zealand and South Queensland launching out into their own New Vision Camps, thus making six camps altogether. That is, provided our funds can cope with the cost! The camps are entirely free to the visually handicapped and we hope to keep it that way. Most of our staff are volunteers, but they have to be housed and fed too! So in full confidence I am inviting you, dear reader, and



### CHRISTIAN SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

others you may talk to on our behalf, to give a liberal gift to Christian Services for the Blind when the biennial offering is taken up in our churches on May 1. Some of our friends regularly give donations throughout the year running into two, three and four figures. In fact one of our camp staff was so impressed by the program he donated \$1,000 to provide equipment for the future. Our biennial offering, as it usually totals, could pay for about six camps, but what will we do if and when we have eight or more camps operating? So, I know you will agree to be generous on May 1. Of course there are other ways open to help, maybe a monthly commitment-or an annual tax-deductible special gift-or even an inclusion of the needs of Christian Services for the Blind in your bequest.

Of course our New Vision Camps for Blind Children are not our only concern. Throughout the year our library service of books and Bible studies on tape, Braille and large print continues its quiet ministry of love to over 530 regular ''readers.'' The Sabbath school lesson also goes out each month to 200 students who otherwise would lose touch with this vital part of their church fellowship. But let me remind you—to send Sabbath school lessons to one visually handicapped person costs at least \$25 per year.

Undoubtedly blindness has its problems, but let us not be part of them. Let us rather remember Helen Keller's complaint and determine to be part of the answer.

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# **CAMPS FOR BLIND CHILDREN**

N. K. PEATEY, Director, Christian Services for the Blind, T.T.U.C.

TWO CAMPS for blind children were conducted in the T.T.U.C. during the 1981/82 camping season. The first was held at beautiful Yarrahapinni on the north New South Wales coast, December 20 to 24, 1981; the second at Greater Sydney Conference's Crosslands Youth Campsite, January 24 to 29, 1982.

The north New South Wales camp was Yarrahapinni's third camp for blind children. The North New South Wales Conference team under the leadership of Youth director Pastor Eric White (being the veteran team for Australia) conducted a highly successful camp.

The Crosslands camp was a first ever for the Greater Sydney Conference, but was also an expertly conducted and highly successful venture under the leadership of Youth director Trafford Fischer.

In each camp Christian Services for the Blind directors, Pastor Malcolm Potts and Vern Parmenter, acted as associate directors and gave assistance wherever needed.

The Adventist way of life and influence has already impressed four of the mature young blind people. They have asked for Bible studies which would introduce them to the Adventist faith and teachings.

The following pictures give a brief glimpse of some of the camp activities.

TOP: A day at Timber Town brings tremendous excitement for the blind children, with its strange sounds, smells, and things to feel. "That Clydesdale sure has got a huge, smooth, hairy forehead." Timber Town provided a day's outing from the Yarrahapinni camp. Photo: M. J. Allen

CENTRE: It took two blind young men to "compere" the concert on the closing night at Crosslands, and what an enjoyable, rousing time it was for all! Here we see Martin and Bailey introducing Hames to the microphone for his fun item.

RIGHT: What a thrill to be able to ride the mini-bike on one's own! Counsellor John Hallet from Corrimal church guides totally blind Geoff Chapman, as he rides ahead, calling from his pushbike. A good exercise to keep in trim.

Photos N K Peatey

## FOR THE BLIND May 1









R. E. POSSINGHAM, Youth Director, T.A.U.C.

"These camps were tremendous experiences, not only for the campers, but also for the staff."

IT WAS A PLEASURE over the year-end to conduct two camps for blind children, one at our Ankara Youth Camp in South Australia with Pastor G. Roberts, and the other at The Basin in Victoria with Pastors B. Craig and A. Gazsik.

Both these camps were tremendous experiences, not only for the campers, but also for the staff. The facts are that it would be very difficult to decide who was most blessed.

The camps are designed to give blind children the opportunity to do and try things that aren't normally a part of their lives. At Ankara the activities offered were waterskiing, riding the sea-sled, sailing, cycling (on tandems), trampolining, motor-cycling, gokart riding, canoeing, archery and craftwork.

"Just being able to try skiing is incredible" said Craig. "It's fantastic."

Words cannot describe the contented expression on Shona's face when she climbed from the go-kart after her first ride.

Blind children who attended the camp at The Basin not only were offered most of the activities that Ankara provided, but they were able also to go horse-riding, and had a fantastic trip on the famous "Puffing Billy." Andrew Wegener visited us with all kinds of animals, live and stuffed, for the children to handle. Ever had a ten-foot carpet snake draped around your neck? The kids loved it. Out came the Police Search and Rescue Squad, the Ambulance Association and the local fire brigade, all with sirens blowing and lights flashing, much to the delight of the children. We think the neighbours still wonder what was going on.

It was a delight to have Peter Sumner with us from the Christian Foundation for the Blind here in Victoria. His wife also joined us one evening and thrilled us with beautiful gospel songs.

Because of dedicated leaders and young people, over sixty blind children experienced all these thrills plus the practical expression of what Christian love really is. For some the loving experience was so real that they didn't want to leave. But the campers weren't the only ones with tears in their eyes when it came time to say good-bye.

Does all the work for running camps for blind children pay? Ask the leaders and they will answer, "Yes." The staff will say, "It surely does." The campers? Without exception they all want to know when the next camp will be held. Let Pastor Roberts share one experience with you.

"Joseph is ten years of age—a happy, smiling little man with the faith of a giant. In a way he's lucky—there's still 2 per cent vision in one eye—but compared to you and me that's not really very lucky. As he sits or walks by our side, there's a constant flow of chatter. He gets us in, we listen hard, we are surprised at his discernment, his general knowledge, and his interest in us. There is no self-pity, no resentment, he is incredibly positive, and a great little Christian.

"Often, when it is least expected, he throws in a thought that jolts our conservative adult minds—like "Well, if we get into trouble out here in the storm—God'll look after us'—and 'It's only a little lake, not even deep.' The storm does look bad—but not bad enough to bring God into it—at least so we think, but Joseph's pretty close to Him and knows it's no bother, God will help anytime.

"Sure Blind Camp is a load of funeveryone knows that—but it's more; and if those kids think we gave them a great time—we know who gave the most to who."





Activities as wide-ranging as archery and nature-appreciation outings show that blindness need not be an Impediment to the enjoyment of life. Photos B. Possingnam



Russell Norman, one of the counsellors at the Ankara Camp for Blind Children, helps Joseph Rowlinson to "feel his feet" for the first time on roller-skates. Photo: J. Rowlinson

Commitment to Christ brings with it commitment and loyalty to fellow pilgrims.

# **LOYALTY-THE NEEDED VIRTUE**

MILTON MURRAY

Loyalty is easy when things are going well. But where is lovalty when a crisis rears its ugly head?

BRANIFF FLIGHT NO. 10 had just taken off from Dallas-Fort Worth for Washington, D.C. The flight attendants had shifted to low heels and smocks. Trays, carts, plastic cups, bags of ice cubes, and coffee pots were coming out of prepacked lockers, drawers, and overhead compartments. Obviously the crew was well organised and seemed eager to get on with serving the full planeload of travellers. Seated as I was near the galley, I had an opportunity to watch them at close range. They appeared to be making good progress in their work.

In the midst of all the activity one of the team handling a full try of plastic cups filled with soft drinks slipped, lost her balance, and fell to the floor, sending liquids in all directions. At that moment an orchestrated and meaningful work effort was converted into chaos. All four stewardesses stopped in their tracks, frozen for about three seconds. But in that short span of time they assessed the calamity, accepted it, eyed one another, and smiled. They went to work co-operatively-none going back to her own assignment until the galley was back in working order and all signs of the minor tragedy erased.

#### **Spirit of Loyalty**

The pressure of serving 120 meals in one and a half hours, and the personal commitment to represent Braniff with distinction, prompted that crew to a degree of loyalty that merits emulation. Their team spirit-evident in both good and bad times-prompted me to take another look at my loyalty to the cause and the church I esteem.

Loyalty to superiors is natural and easy when things are going well. But where is loyalty when the budget is cut, a request is denied?

Loyalty to the church, conference, or institution comes readily when progress is reportable on all fronts. But where is loyalty when a crisis rears its ugly head, for whatever reason?

Milton Murray is a member of the General Conference staff as director of the Philanthropic Service for Institutions.

Loyalty to peers comes easily when there is agreement. But how intense is lovalty when an honest difference of opinion surfaces or when an associate has failed in some undertaking?

In Romans 12:5 Paul declares, "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Does he mean that disloyalty to a brother is disloyalty to oneself? It appears so. My commitment and loyalty to Christ bring with them a full degree of commitment and loyalty to my fellow pilgrims.

In a growing world church the challenge of loyalty cuts across cultural, educational, professional, social, and economic lines. But God has placed love and concern in the heart of every human being, and certainly those who have taken a stand for Christ are to be foremost in cultivating and exercising them in the interest of others. God's love and loyalty build bridges and draw people together.

A shrinking world brings differing working relationships, sometimes stretching people's capability to adjust to the requirements. The understanding required to work together effectively demands loyalty first and last to the banner of Christ. Compelling human tendencies, often related to pride, are a constant threat in such situations.

Another factor that strains loyalty is modern technology and the numerous professional specialties that have resulted. The church as an entity and the church program require that an increasing number of these specialised functions and services contribute to the accomplishment of the mission of the church. Similarly, within the ranks of church members there are growing numbers of highly qualified, talented, and skilled people. Their contribution to the whole is becoming essential and ever more needful to the success of the church.

In the final analysis it is necessary and logical that a spiritual crusade should be led by the gospel ministry. Chemists and engineers, for example, are not the most appropriate leaders for a spiritual movement, even though they may have appropriate responsibilities for units of the whole. The clergy, leading and working with those of diverse careers who are required to carry out the mission, needs the loyalty of every team player. Every careerist has a natural and expected loyalty to his or her calling. Unfortunately there are occasions when a specialist is tempted to exercise full "professional prerogatives" that often bring about a confrontation with leadership. If the professional services being performed are absolutely essential to a given program's success, then a problem may ensue. Such a circumstance will require the full understanding on the part of both specialist and leader.

It is the job of the data-processing specialist, for example, to convince church leadership of the merits of the new technology he represents. Although church leaders will be aware of technological advances, it is not reasonable or practical to expect the ministry to carry the torch for a given area of specialisation. So if your career area is not well understood by the ministry, then the problem is yours to remedy. Your lovalty to the cause will prompt a willingness to demonstrate patiently how your specialty contributes to the whole.

Incidentally, leaders of every organisation-educational, industrial, governmental, and spiritual-are subject to intense scrutiny and criticism that frequently come from those least qualified to judge. Be sure you have made an effort to get the larger picture before judging your leaders. That is one reason they are where they are-they have an unusual grasp of the entire panorama of a given situation that transcends the career specialty that launched them professionally.

Check your loyalty before you belittle or comment disparagingly about a leader. Before you set out to "get even," ascertain whether in so doing you are being loyal to your calling as a Christian. Check your loyalty quotient before you speak of the "ineptitude" of a leader. Be sure you are constructive in your comments. not destructive. Be a member of the Lord's loyal team.

#### **Dedication to Service**

That Braniff team was a loyal team-loyal to one another, to their employer, and to the people they were serving. Their attitude and smiles in the face of a disconcerting episode gave evidence of unqualified loyalty and dedication to the performance of service.

You and I belong to an army of Christians committed to helping thousands travel much farther than the distance between Texas and the U.S. capital. As we preach the gospel and exemplify the life of Christ through a multitude of agencies, one or more of our number may have a failure. We may not all succeed as readily as we would like. Some of us may lose our balance in our eagerness to get on with the job. Others may become discouraged before their dreams come true. But whatever comes to us, to our institution, conference, or to the associates with whom we work, let us not forget that loyalty-Christlike loyalty-can bridge and solve most problems. Loyalty is the needed virtue

We should have an infinitely greater commitment to loyalty than did that Braniff crew who transported 120 people to Washington, D.C. The import and consequences of our mission are eternal.



**The Miracle of Truk** 

G. RAY JAMES. President, Guam-Micronesia Mission



"Uncle Bus" and "Aunt Flo" – Charles and Florence Templin, volunteers from the U.S. – stand next to the newly made sign for their dispensary.

WITHIN THE VAST EXPANSE OF THE Pacific Ocean a miracle is taking place—a miracle of God's love and power and leading.

In the closing months of the second world war, as the Japanese forces were retreating westward, a battle of tremendous military significance took place at an out-of-the-way, idyllic lagoon in the Eastern Caroline Islands named Truk. It was here that the Japanese navy had chosen to establish the nerve centre of their operations in the Pacific area.

Today a host of rusted, coral-covered ships and planes, submerged in the clear waters of the lagoon, provide mute testimony to the holocaust of that day. Scuba divers from around the world make this spot, with its silent legacy of war, a vacation destination of stark contrasts.

It was only a few years ago that the Guam-Micronesia Mission recorded its first baptism on Truk. Today there is an expanding company of believers who quickly are outgrowing their temporary worship quarters in a carport. A school is being built on the mission property to provide Christian education for the children, who comprise more than half the population.

In 1976, the first missionary worker was dispatched to begin work on Moen, largest of the high volcanic islands in the lagoon. A house was built by volunteer labour from North America, but evangelistic progress was extremely slow. Public evangelism was attempted, with little results, although a foundation of goodwill and understanding was being built.

Then came "Uncle Bus" and "Aunt Flo"-Charles and Florence Templin, retired volunteer workers with tireless energy, boundless enthusiasm, and a complete dependence upon the Lord. The Pathfinder club was resurrected; the majority of the children who joined came from non-Adventist homes. The only radio station in the district began to broadcast the Know Your Bible program, produced by Bus in both English and Trukese. Bible lessons were translated into Trukese for mass distribution in the villages. Funds were made available for a locally built boat to provide much-needed transportation to the other islands in the lagoon. The stage was set for another plunge into public evangelism.

The target date for the meetings was set in prayerful consultation between evangelist Harry Krueger, from mission headquarters on Guam, and Bus and Flo. It was decided to pour more help and service into Moen. Two months prior to the start of the meetings, a 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was held, followed by an eye clinic and a dental clinic, all these services being provided by missionary workers from Guam and the Seventh-day Adventist clinic there. At last the date for beginning the meetings approached. John Marais accompanied Pastor Krueger to give the health presentations that would be a part of the evangelistic outreach.

It had been decided that the mission grounds would be the meeting-site for the more than three-week evangelistic series. Also, a translator had been carefully selected. But God's plans are not man's plans. Just as the doctor and evangelist arrived, word came that the chosen translator had been called off-island for an emergency. Now what to do?

Bus had an idea. During the 5-Day-Plan he had made friends with the pastor from the large Congregational church in the main town. Why not ask him to translate? When asked, the pastor volunteered not only his services, but also his church for the meetings.

On the opening night the building was packed. Dr. Marais treated the sick right in the church building each evening, just before Pastor Krueger gave the message from the Scriptures, illustrated by slides, and translated by Pastor Apel. During the daytime the evangelist and physician visited from house to house, giving treatments, singing, playing their pecordion and guitar, teaching from the Bible, and giving health lectures. God's Spirit was impressing hearts.

Before the meetings began there were eight active church members, plus children, attending the Sabbath services. Before the close of the meetings twenty persons were baptised.

But one of the greatest wonders was yet to come. During the nightly presentations Pastor Apel was both hearing and repeating God's message to His people. As Pastor Krueger talked about the Sabbath, he noted that the translation was becoming longer and longer in comparison to the English message. This development could hold alarming consequences. What was Pastor Apel saying? Upon questioning the church members in attendance, Pastor Krueger learned that Pastor Apel was taking special pains to make sure that each thought and Scriptural reference was explicitly understood by everyone; he wanted to be sure that no one misunderstood the message.

Just as there once had been a great battle for possession of the Truk lagoon, so now an even more intense spiritual battle was being fought for the allegiance of Pastor Apel. It was on the last night of the meetings, just before Pastor Krueger was to leave for Guam, that Pastor Apel followed his Lord in baptism. The battle had turned; his new life had begun. He told friends the next day, "I was so happy I couldn't even sleep last night!"

The opportunities the Lord is providing in Truk today are endless. The government authorities were so impressed with the quality of the health care provided by the church that they have asked the mission to take over the medical care for the whole district. A Lutheran church with hundreds of members, located on another island in the lagoon, has asked, through their pastor, for someone to come and teach them; they all wish to become Adventists. A remote village is asking that a church be built so that their people can worship with the "Seven Days." A modest school was built through the efforts of a volunteer builder from the United States, Larry Martella. New opportunities are opening as the days pass.

God's miracle-the miracle of Trukcontinues.

## FAMILY REUNION

E. M. COURTNEY, Communication Secretary, Mackay Church, North Queensland

THE FIRST REUNION of the Cowley family, of Racecourse, in thirteen years, drew members from as for away as Papua New Guinea and Sydney. Christmas and the remaining holiday period was a happy but busy time for Brother Ted and Sister Edna Cowley, of Cowley's Road; Philip from Brisbane; Owen from Cooranbong, N.S.W.; Dale from Papua New Guinea; Diane, recently moved from Townsville; and Janell, who has been nursing in Sydney.

The two teachers in the family are well known in the Mackay area. Owen graduated from Mackay State High School in 1964. He spent three years studying for a Diploma of Teaching at Avondale College, Cooranbong, and graduated in 1968. He then spent four years teaching at Strathfield Adventist High School, Sydney, from 1969 to 1972. Owen went on to Hawthorn Adventist High School, Melbourne, and taught there until 1974. He has spent the past seven years teaching in the Applied Arts Department of Avondale College.

Dale, with his wife, Sue, and five-year-old son Darren, came on three months leave from his teaching post at Mount Diamond Adventist High School, eighteen kilometres east of Port Moresby. There are four Australian teachers and their families there plus two Filipinos and thirteen Papua New Guineans staffing the school farm, workshop and buildings. There are also two Papua New Guinean office staff.

"The school combines a full academic program for Grades 7-10, with a self-help work period of two hours daily, Monday to Friday," Dale said. "Students, working with staff members, plant and care for the school's food crops and the market garden which provides a financial base. Other activities, such as campus maintenance are included in the work periods."

An active spiritual emphasis is combined with the school program, and a close working relationship between staff and students reduces many of the disciplinary problems, and helps students face the problems of life with a positive attitude.

Dale left Mackay in 1969 to attend Avondale College, from which he graduated in 1971 with a Diploma of Science, and in 1972 with the Bachelor of Science (second class Honours) and the Diploma of Secondary Education. He taught Science for five years at Betikama High School, Solomon Islands, where son Darren was born. In 1978 they transferred to Aore High School, via Santo, Vanuatu; Dale had been appointed as principal of the school.

Aore School is on the next island to Espiritu Santo (thirty minutes away by boat) where the Santo rebellion took place in 1980 as then New Hebrides approached independence in July of that year. Although some threats were made against the school by the rebels and supply lines and communications were cut by the Government blockade on Santo, the school remained open throughout the entire period of the rebellion and the mop-up operations by Papua New Guinean troops.

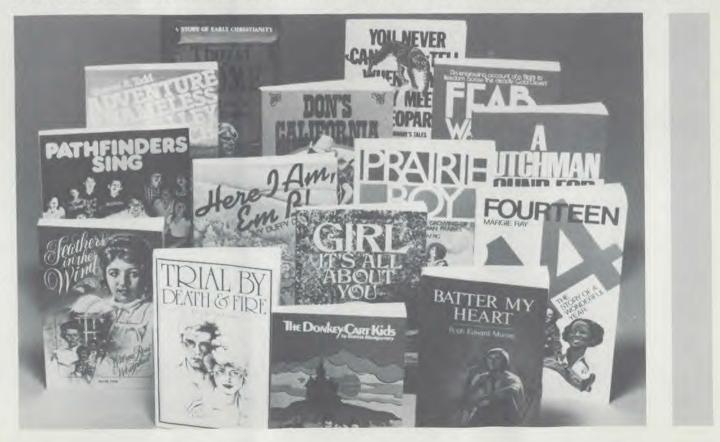
On one occasion two teachers at the school were stopped by the rebels in Santo when they went to purchase supplies for the school. They were taken before the rebel leader, Jimmy Stevens, and questioned before permission to proceed was finally granted. On a later occasion Dale and another teacher found themselves in the middle of a reprisal action by troops who were attempting to recover vehicles stolen by the rebels.

Dale has taught in Papua New Guinea for one year, as he moved there in 1981. He returned in January 1982 for a further term. Dale taught for five years in the Solomon Islands and three years in Vanuatu.

One of Dale's fellow-teachers at Mount Diamond, a Papua New Guinean named Morea Raka, is keen to begin an astronomy club at the school. If someone is willing to donate a good telescope, I'm sure that Dale will be happy to personally give it to Morea. Dale has assured me that such a gift will be appreciated and used to much benefit.

Dale and Owen attended the Mackay Primary Church School and this speaks much in favour of church schools, as places where vision is enlarged for service. This work is not only to children, but to our heavenly Father. Thank God for our church schools!

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#### THE MORAL AND CEREMONIAL LAWS

The application of Colossians 2:14-17 in the RECORD article (1/3/82) "Sabbath-Keeping Re-Examined," needs to be re-examined! These texts are commonly about the last line of defence for the opponents of the Sabbath and of the law of God. For very valid reasons, none of us accept that line. We rightly maintain, for instance, that the weekly Sabbath is not and never was a type or shadow of good things to come. We stand by the perfect, soul-converting Decalogue with all our hearts.

In unmistakable words, Mrs. E. G. White states the Holy Spirit's explanation of what was nailed to the cross: "The ceremonial system was made up of symbols pointing to Christ, to His sacrifice and His priesthood. This ritual law, with its sacrifices and ordinances, was to be performed by the Hebrews until type met antitype in the death of Christ, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Then all sacrificial offerings were to cease. It is this law which Christ 'took . . . out of the way nailing it to His cross.' Colossians 2:14. But concerning the law of Ten Commandments, the psalmist declares, 'Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven.' "—Patriarchs and Prophets, page 365.

What was taken away was the ceremonial law, leaving us His perfect law to uphold before the world today. Let us keep the flag flying.

H. M. Pascoe, South Queensland,

#### **RECORD APPRECIATED**

Please find enclosed a cheque for \$20. I missed out on the church offering for the RECORD. I enjoy the many articles that come to us in our journals. I like very much too the format of the RECORD. Glad too that you have kept the "Finally, Brethren"; that I always read first. Also I want to thank you for retaining the title "Till He Comes." At one time they changed it to "Obituary," and I was glad when they changed the title back. I think "Till He Comes," is much warmer and has a message in itself.

May the Lord richly bless you all there at the "Signs."

Keith R. Foster, Greater Sydney,

#### PASTORS AND PATHFINDERS

I wish to reply to a letter written to the Editor by "Concerned Parent" and published in the AU-STRALASIAN RECORD, dated March 8, 1982.

The writer of that letter asks if you or any one can explain why a minister never associates with Pathfinders.

I wish to tell you and "Concerned Parent" that Pastor Trevor Rogers (who was ordained to the gospel ministry during last year's South Queensland Camp) was the minister for the Biloela and the Monto churches in 1979 and 1980. Right through those two years Brother Rogers was the Pathfinder leader for the Biloela/Monto Pathfinder Club. Trevor and his wife Tricia took a very active interest in the Pathfinders and did all they could to help them. Pastor Rogers is now the assistant Youth director in the North New South Wales Conference.

Eileen Bazley, South Queensland.

#### A WIFE'S TESTIMONY

In reply to the letter from a concerned parent, re ministers not being more actively involved with Pathfinder work, I would like to say that as a pastor's wife, for years I have had to store Pathfinder craft material under beds and elsewhere, because of lack of room at church quarters, while my husband, as well as coping with church and evangelistic duties, also directed or assisted in Pathfinder work. We know of others too, who have done the same.

It may be of interest to state that my retired husband, Pastor K. J. Wooller, was the first to qualify as a Master Comrade, now named Master Guide, in Australasia, and throughout his ministry was actively involved in Junior, Youth and Pathfinder work.

Mrs. T. Wooller, North New South Wales.

#### **RESTORING THE FAITH**

I recently read in Letters to the Editor (RECORD, March 8) the invitation for input to the letter under the heading "Plea for Ministerial Support." Over the past forty-seven years as a minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church I have observed many ministers who not only attended but actively took part in Pathfinder activities, some of them being leaders. Perhaps I may be excused for instancing my own experience. When I was a ministerial intern in 1934, Pastor Ken Wooller, Lady Doris Donald and I became the first Master Comrades (now Master Guides) in North New Zealand, and were invested by Sister Lewin at the annual camp-meeting in Hamilton. Through the years since, I have instructed J.M.V.s., Pathfinders and Master Guides, some of whom became pastors, now retired. These candidates included youth in New Zealand, Australia, Rarotonga, Lord Howe Island, and more recently in Canada and Karachi, Pakistan, for Master Guide requirements. I am sure this interest in our youth by Adventist pastors has been duplicated world-wide. I hope this disappointed sister will have her faith in ministerial interest in our youth restored in the future. I still expect to participate in assistance to our youth. D. H. Watson.

(Obviously an opinion expressed as a generality has by specific example been shown to be an exception, rather than the rule. Certainly the ideal is for all ministers to be actively involved with Pathfinder work, as with other aspects of the churches under their care. To avoid pointless prolongation of a straightforward question, correspondence on this subject is now closed.—Eds.)

#### **INFORMATION PLEASE!**

Do you have an interest in Primary, Junior, Earliteen Sabbath schools, AJYs, or Pathfinders?

I would like to hear from such people who have had experience in these areas at the local church level and who have had a reasonable degree of success. In particular I am concerned with any ideas that may have led to the growth and expansion of AJYs or the various Sabbath schools. These ideas might relate to any individual segment of the program or to the program as a whole.

If there proves to be sufficient material I am interested if developing a small pamphlet whereby ideas that are generated at many local churches can be shared with others.

Please contact: Garry Hodgkin, c/- Room 104, Watson Hall, Avondale College, Cooranbong, N.S.W. 2265.

# Weddings

BRASH—NELSON. On Sunday, March 21, 1982, Pastor Tom Brash and Dr. Marjorie Young-Nelson exchanged marriage vows in the Frankston church, Victoria. Pastor Brash is well known in Australasia and abroad for his Christ-centred ministry. He now links his life with one who has an equal reputation in her field as a Christian physician, one who has given years of selfless service as a missionary. Friends and relatives from various parts of Australia and New Zealand met on this happy occasion which was highlighted by the beautiful music of the Joyous Quartet. We wish Tom. and Marjorie God's bountiful blessing. L. R. Burns.

GILEIES—SATCHELL. In the presence of their families and friends, Graeme Gillies exchanged vows with Julie Satchell on Sunday, March 7, 1982, at the Blacktown church, Sydney, New South Wales. Graeme is the son of Bruce and Lorna Gillies, of Melbourne, Victoria, and Julie is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Barry Satchell, of Doonside, Sydney. They celebrated their first meal together with their friends in the Opal Room at Wahroonga, and later drove away in a lavishly decorated car. We wish them all the best of God's love and care as they take up life together in Sydney. T. A. Fischer.

GREEN—RAMPTON. March 7, 1982, was a special day, a day Glen Wayne Green and Wendy Lou Rampton met in the National church, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, to become husband and wife and to pledge life-long fidelity to each other. Glen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Green of Canberra, and Wendy the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rampton of Bangalow (formerly of Goulburn). Many relatives and friends came from near and far to join the happy couple on their special day, and to convey best wishes of happiness and God's blessing upon them, as they establish another Christian home. E. D. Oliver.

McDOUGALL.—QUINE. In the lovely country setting of the eighty-one-year-old stone church at Mundoolun, Queensland, Tony Gordon McDougall and Linda Fay Quine were united by the sacred vows of marriage of March 14, 1982. Tony is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan McDougall of Brisbane, and Linda is a twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Quine, also of Brisbane. The happiness and joy of the bride and groom was shared by the many relatives and friends in attendance. The grandfather of the bridegroom officiated. We know the Lord will continue His guiding hand on this dedicated couple as they set up another Christian home in Brisbane. G. H. Ormiston.

MULLING—DEERING. On Wednesday, February 25, 1982, a very pretty wedding was held in the Eight Mile Plains church. Brisbane, Queensland. A large number of relatives and friends gathered to witness the ceremony, and then celebrated with the young couple in the Conference Assembly Hall. As Mark and Juliann make their home in Beenleigh, they have the prayers and good wishes of their brothers and sisters in Christ who love and respect them both R. H. Kent.

VALDEREMAO—BIENEWITZ. In a quiet outdoor ceremony near the Adelaide Botanic Gardens, South Australia. Anthony Claud Valderemao and Gudrun Mirjam Bienewitz exchanged vows of fidelity with each other on Sunday afternoon, January 31, 1982. A number of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony and later Joined the couple at a wedding breakfast held at the Prospect church hall. We wish them both much happiness as they walk life's road together. C. V. Christian.

## **Till He Comes**

BATHGATE. Ethel Florence Bathgate of Bethesda Home, Auckland, New Zealand, passed to her rest suddenly on March 20, 1982, at the age of ninety-four. To her children Jean (Mrs. W. Kiltoy of Cooranbong, New South Wales), Millie (Mrs. Porter of Queensland), Duncan of South Australia, and Melva (Mrs. Munter of Victoria) we extend our sympathy in their loss of a devoted mother. Words of comfort were spoken by Pastor Hollingsworth at the chapel and graveside, assisted by the writer. J. T. Howse.

FELLOWS. Florence Lydia Fellows first learned of the Sabbath after reading some Adventist books left to her on the death of her mother. Hearing that there was a Sabbath-keeping church at Longwarry, she set out to find it and has been a loyal member ever since. After a short illness this gentle, Christian lady passed away on March 9, 1982, in the Warragul Hospital, Victoria. She was laid to rest in the Springvale Cemetery, awaiting the call of her Saviour. We extend to her daughter Marjorie (Mrs. Leys), her husband and family, our Christian love and sympathy.

#### J. P. Holmes.

KEIRL, Mr. Howard Lionel Keirl passed away suddenly at his residence in Sebastopol, Victoria, on February 9, 1982. Although he was only fifty years of age, his friendly nature had endeared him to many as was evidenced by the large attendance of relatives and friends who met for the service in the Adventist church, Ballarat, and at the graveside in the Ballarat New Cemetery. His bereaved wife and family were comforted by the certainty of the resurrection. L. R. Burns.

MILNE. Edward Samuel Milne passed suddenly to his rest at his home in Laidley, Queensland, on January 26, 1982, aged seventy-seven. After migrating to Australia with his family from Vancouver Island, Canada, the Milnes settled in the Proserpine district in 1907. It was there that Edward embraced the Adventist message, and he became a faithful worker in the church. On retiring, Edward and his wife Violet moved to Laidley, and in the local Gatton church where he served as an elder, his ready smile and friendly disposition will be greatly missed. After a short church service at Gatton, Edward was laid to rest in the Laidley Lawn Cemetery where he awaits the soon return of his Saviour. To his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy, and together with them look for Him who is "the resurrection and the life." D. Jackson.

MOORE. May Moore, loved wife of Herbert Moore, passed to her rest at the Adventist Retirement Village Nursing Home, Victoria Point, Brisbane, Queensland, on February 14, 1982, aged ninety-one years. For many years Sister Moore was a faithful member of the Adventist church, using her God-given talents in the many offices she held in the church. She ably cared for her aged husband who is still resident in the Adventist Nursing Home, Brisbane. At the graveside Brother Moore and members of the family were pointed to the resurrection morning when all God's sleeping saints will hear His voice and God will give their loved one back to them again. Victor Novelly

WARD. Denis Campbell Ward, beloved son of James and Elizabeth Ward of Guildford, New South Wales, died in the Prince of Wales Hospital on March 12, 1982, aged twenty-nine. The large number of fellow school-teachers and students from the South Sydney High School present showed the great respect with which Denis was held by those who knew him. The writer was assisted in conducting the service by Pastor D. Dunn on March 16 at the Rookwood Chapel, Sydney. B. Shelley.

WHYTE. Elizabeth Esther Whyte passed peacefully to her well-earned final rest in the Fremantle Hospital, Western Australia, on Tuesday, March 16, 1982, after a full life of ninety-one years, In 1970 she came to live in Sherwin Lodge Retirement Village where she was very happy in a unit, with her children loyally supporting her in every possible way. Her family was her whole life. She dearly loved every member, and the whole family can be justifiably proud and thankful to God for such a wonderful mother. At a service in the Fremantle Crematorium words of comfort and hope were expressed to loved ones who mourned their loss.

M. A. Chapman.

WILESMITH. David Wilesmith was eighty-two years old as he laid down his life at the Kilcoy Hospital in Queensland, on December 17, 1981. Born in Worcester, England, he attended our college there. He then came to Australia, where he was known as a man of loyalty and courage. Being gentle and yet firm, he gave great service to the church he loved with all his heart. Warrimoo church, New South Wales, Crosslands Youth and Convention Camp, Sydney, and the Caboolture church and Kilcoy company in Queensland, all received a blessing from associating with David. As we wait for the resurrection morning, we focus on the promises of God's Word. The friends and members of the Caboolture church wish to Pam, his wife, and the children, that the separation will not be long and soon all shall be reunited.

E. Vysma.

VALE. Winifred May Vale peacefully passed to her rest at the Mater Hospital, Newcastle, New South Wales, on March 22, 1982, in her eightieth year. After attending Avondale College she continued to work there till she married Clifford Vale of Vales Point. A most gracious woman who loved her large family dearly and her God supremely, she faithfully attended church up to two days before her passing. She will always be remembered as a dignified, devout lady by all who knew her. To her sorrowing eight children, her sisters and brother, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many others, we extend our deepest sympathy, but point them with confidence to the great resurrection morn. Pastor G. D. Weare assisted with the funeral service at the Beresfield Crematorium. L. H. Barnard.

#### **Return Thanks**

Mrs. Myrle Truman wishes to thank all loved ones and friends for the tender regard and loving sympathy shown her at the time of the sudden death of her beloved husband, Ron Truman. Her family join her in special thanks to Pastors P. Harper and A. Butler, also Hurstville and Woollahra church members for numerous cards and floral tributes. Please accept this as their personal thanks.

Eva Lang, wife of the late George Elliot Lang, also his daughter lla, his son Fred (recently returned missionary from Africa) and George Jr. wish to thank everyone for their loving letters of sympathy. Sister Lang would especially like to thank those old classmates of Carmel, Avondale and the Sanitarium during the years of 1924-1929, who have recalled their former close associations with the above. Thanks also to those kind remarks regarding the work which Brother Lang did for his country, church and fellow-man.

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# Flash Point

LAST WEEK-END I had the privilege of being with some of our evangelists! On the Saturday evening, while attending the South New South Wales Conference communication seminar at Goulburn, Pastor Reg Brown and I attended the evangelistic program of Pastor Graeme Bradford and Brother Don Fehlberg at the C.A.E. auditorium. We heard a very fine presentation, and saw evidence of a goodly number of fine interests shaping up in their series. God is going to bless them with souls in the city of Goulburn! On Sunday we drove through to Sydney to attend a program of the John Carter Mission in the Opera House. We were thrilled to see the large crowd drinking in the message from the Word-presented clearly and convincingly. There was hardly an empty seat. At the close of the meeting Pastor Rosevear placed in my hands the reservation figures for the next meeting-12,327 bookings, just from those in attendance that week-end. To this figure would need to be added telephone bookings from TV and other media advertising. Pray for a rich harvest in the city of Sydney!

- AT THE SEMINAR we met Pastor Ray Holt, one of our country warriors. He wants to assure you that darkened windows in Lithgow and Oberon churches on Sabbaths, since March 20, indicate not spiritual darkness overtaking these churches, but rather evangelistic meetings going on inside with colour slides chasing each other across the screen, followed by an exposition of the prophecies we love so much. He has in his evangelistic audience a minister of another denomination, and two people from a group of twenty who have established a Bible-study group in a private home. They have made some discreet inquiries as to whether Pastor Holt would be willing to come and speak to their group. The Spirit of God is moving mightily everywhere. Let us all pray for a great outpouring of the latter rain!
- IN OUR VALLEY, the Warburton church is running three series of meetings concurrently in the Warburton Civic Theatre, at Yarra Junction and at Woori Yallock, and Pastor Charles Lowe is running an evangelistic series in the Healesville church. In each of the four meetings there are several encouraging interests. We invite our readers everywhere to join us in praying for the meetings in our lovely valley down here in Victoria!
- BROKEN HILL is using the "Lend a Hand" TV spots on a regular basis, and we hear they are going over very well. This service is supplied to us free of charge.
- MICHAEL AND LINDY CHAMBERLAIN wish to express their appreciation through the RECORD to all who have supported them through their ordeal with their prayers, with messages of encouragement, with gifts and other ways in which they have expressed their concern. Let us continue to sustain them in the trying days that lie ahead! Adventists in other parts of the world are praying for them too!

- BROTHER KININO MANGKIA, of the Seventh-day Adventist Mission at Monouti, Gilbert Islands, in the Republic of Kiribati, writes: "I would like you to mention our thanks to the church member from whom we received our 50cc Honda motor-cycle. We are very, very happy to receive it and we use it for God's work. We would like to say again, Thank you very very much for the motor-cycle. May the Lord bless and keep you. Your brother in God's work. Kinino Mangkia." So whoever sent Brother Mangkia "wheels" for his work for the Master, please accept this message as a warm expression of heartfelt appreciation!
- I'VE JUST HAD with me in my office a delightful visitor in the person of Sister Dulcie Scale of the Moe church in Gippsland. She has been serving as a volunteer worker among the Hill Tribe people of Karenland in northern Thailand. After a year with them, she has learned to love them so much that she is returning to her field of labour after a short visit in Australia. As a volunteer worker she is provided with accommodation, food and about \$12 per month for personal expenses. She teaches English. At Pway Baw Ly (Hill of the Ironwood Tree) on the Salween River there is an Adventist school with about 250 students up to Year 10. They have five choirs, which sing beautifully in four-part harmony. In Karenland alcohol is banned and many of the evils of Western society are avoided. The people are highly moral and very hospitable, warm and friendly. The president of the country is a Seventh-day Adventist. Sister Scale has promised to send me a story on her exciting adventure!
- THIRTY of the 975 people who returned Bradford TV cards to the conference office in Canberra during 1981 and were followed up, are now attending church. A number of these have already been baptised. Studies are continuing in many other homes.
- PASTOR REX TINDALL of the South New South Wales Conference did a survey among the ministers of the conference at a recent gathering to ascertain the background from which the ministers had come prior to entering the ministry. He discovered that the group comprised: 1 market gardener; 1 carpenter; 3 engineers (fitting and turning); 3 farmers; 1 sawmiller and timber-cutter; 1 wool-classer and manufacturer; 2 bank-tellers; 2 ex-students; 1 drover; 1 architect's draughtsman; 1 fisherman; 1 horse-ringer and medical orderly; 1 shop assistant (S.H.F.); 1 accountant. The same Lord who called His first disciples from the nets and the receiver-of-revenue's-table in days of old, is still calling men from all walks of life to become co-workers with Him in the finishing of the work!
- "FINALLY, BRETHREN...": We'd be amazed how much more would be accomplished if nobody cared who got the credit!