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YOUTH WRITERS' AWARDS



JENNY VAESSEN comes from Stratford, NSW, and her submission "Life's a Gamble" was judged the best of the limited number of entries received. Jenny is in Year 12 at school, and enjoys many hobbies, particularly drawing, painting, reading and music, as well as writing.



REBECCA CARTER is seventeen, and a Matriculation student at the Adelaide Adventist High School. She goes to Modbury church, and her interests include music, reading, aerobics, hiking, travelling and meeting people. Her entry "The Parable of the Three Cars" was highly commended.



JENENE PARKER is in the second year of the Primary Teaching course at Avondale College. She is the daughter of a minister and says she has travelled a lot and met many people, but admits at times she has been lonely. She adds, "If you see someone at work, school or church on their own, please remember the story I have written and Christ's words in Matthew 25:42-45." Her story "Becky Jane" was highly commended.

1986 Volunteer Service Opportunities

THE SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION is pleased to announce the following volunteer opportunities for 1986. In most cases, volunteers can serve from ten to twelve months, unless otherwise stated. Application forms outlining the conditions of appointment are available from your local conference Youth director, union conference and Division Youth Department, director of Student Services at Avondale College and the principal at Longburn Adventist College. Further details are also available from the Division Secretariat, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076, or telephone (02) 48 1061.

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Laboratory Technician—Atoifi Hospital

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EDITORIAL

Calvary's Perfect Provision



GOD GAVE JESUS to a lost race because He wanted to forgive us for our sins. The only basis on which He could grant forgiveness without compromising His holiness was to allow Someone else to suffer the penalty for our transgressions, and to accept that Person's death as a substitute for the death we deserve to die. The Person whose sacrifice of Himself God accepted on our behalf would of necessity have to be Someone who had never committed sin Himself, else He Himself would need someone to die on His behalf. What a marvellous provision God has supplied to make it possible for you and me to be forgiven for our sins! Every sin we have ever committed has been covered by the perfect provision God has supplied through Jesus.

When Jesus bowed his head on the cross and died as our Sin Bearer, every demand of justice was met. Every element of salvation was supplied. Reconciliation. Redemption. Atonement. Propitiation. Justification. Pardon. Adoption. Full and free. The provision for our salvation was complete.

This does not mean, however, that what Jesus provided on the cross was a *toties quoties indulgence*.* Let us never fall into the trap of believing that He did! There are those all around us who have made that mistake. As Adventists we must be on our guard against talking such a position and must refuse to accept that this is what happened at Calvary. The position we are here warning against is that *all sin was automatically cancelled at the cross*; that Christ's sacrifice provided plenary absolution for all the sins of mankind for all time. The Bible makes it clear that it is only for sins sincerely repented of and forsaken that forgiveness is granted. This truth is stated unequivocally in both the Old and the New Testament. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. There is no offer whatsoever in all of Scripture of pardon for sin that is unconfessed and unrepented. "If we sin wilfully after we have received a knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins." Hebrews 10:26. God is here speaking to us about sin to which we wilfully cling and which we refuse to surrender.

The notion that Christ's sacrifice on the cross has extended to all mankind a once-and-for-all amnesty for sin, regardless of whether or not we forsake it, is largely responsible for the carefree attitude toward sin that prevails in the world today. All manner of transgression is indulged in as though committing sin doesn't really matter. The consequences for sin have already been taken care of, we are told, therefore we can commit sin with impunity. God's grace covers it all. Such a concept is at best a tragic misunderstanding of the gospel. At worst it is a

flagrant affront to the holiness of God's character.

Some believers are afraid that any suggestion that we need to repent before we can receive forgiveness, represents adding human effort to God's provision of grace; that it verges on salvation by grace plus works.

To offset any such fear we offer the following thoughts for your consideration:

1. Not only is it God who offers us full forgiveness, but it is He who leads us to repentance by sending His Spirit to convict us "of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." John 16:8. Repentance is, therefore, as much God's gift of grace as is forgiveness. Response to the convicting voice of the Holy Spirit will result in our turning away from sin. Resisting that conviction and rationalising a sinful course of action, places us at risk of desensitising our consciences to the influence of the Spirit in our lives.

2. Our attitude toward sin—whether compliance with or antagonism toward—demonstrates who holds the allegiance of our hearts. When we wilfully violate God's principles of righteousness, we are demonstrating that Satan still holds our allegiance. Our loyalty is on the side of the enemy. We are still at heart citizens of his kingdom. To grant an amnesty to enemies who choose to remain enemies would make a mockery of grace and the gospel. Obviously the amnesty is for those who cross over from the enemy's line and take their stand under the banner of Prince Emmanuel. Sin is the service of Satan. It is rebellion against God. Repentance is simply renouncing the enemy's dominion in response to the Saviour's love. *The call to leave the enemy's camp is to all. The provision of pardon is universal.* It is extended to every person who responds to that call, without exception, condition or reservation. Christ's death on the cross made unlimited provision possible. Acceptance of the provision must be personal and specific.

3. Turning from a sinful course of action as fast as the Holy Spirit convicts us that it is sinful, is what constitutes walking in the light. Walking in the light consists of endeavouring by His grace to live lives that are in harmony with Him whom we have learned to love. And the promise to such as make this choice is that "if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. A privilege such as that is far too precious to forfeit!

Geoff Garne

* We borrow this term from an inscription in the vestibule of St Peter's Basilica in Rome, appearing in the world's major languages, including English, which offers visitors a *Toties Quoties Indulgence*—an indulgence for all sins for all time!

† All Scriptural references are from the New King James Version.

PROJECT LAUTOKA—COMPLETED?

CHANDAR and KALA PAL, as told to Caroline Butler



Photo: Caroline Butler.

With one half of the baptismal group in the font, Pastor Kabu, the mission president, officiates at the first baptism in the Indian church at Lautoka, Fiji.

LAST YEAR an item appeared in the RECORD under the headline "Completed—Project Lautoka." We were wrong. Project Lautoka will not be completed till the final count in the kingdom of heaven.

The first church building for the Indians of Fiji was dedicated at Lautoka in March 1984,

after a fly 'n' build team from Wahoonga church completed it. They thought that the project was completed, but the story is just beginning.

Beside the Lautoka church building site was a bus stop. Each morning and evening an Indian lady would stand on her way to and from work and watch a team of Europeans labouring

mightily on the building site. In her own words, "They worked very hard, and just like clockwork. Every person seemed to know exactly what they were supposed to be doing. I asked myself, *Why would these people leave their homeland and come over here and work so hard for people to whom they are not even related?*"

When the team had left, this lady came to the pastor, Chandar Pal, and asked him the question. The answers she received brought her into the baptismal font twelve months later, when the first fruits of Project Lautoka made their public stand for their Lord. Ten people were baptised in the new font beside the church in June 1985. Ten more are studying to make ready for another baptism in August.

But most exciting is the children's Sabbath school. Enthusiastic members of Wahoonga Sabbath school shared Sabbath school aids and funds with their fellow members in Lautoka. As a result, the small group of eight or nine primary children has grown to more than twenty-five, and the Sabbath school room is bursting at the seams! How glad the pastor and his wife are for the school recently built next door by another fly 'n' build team! They will soon need it for the overflow. As it is, the school hall is to be used for a mission campaign for the Indians after the next baptism.

Is Project Lautoka completed? Not while there are still people who need to hear the good news. Let us never be tempted to fold our hands over any of God's projects till we hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

MEET MISTER VOLUNTEER

L. P. TOLHURST, Pacific Adventist College, PNG

THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH in this part of the world has been blessed with several outstanding volunteer workers, especially in the contribution they have made to the building work in the island mission unions. May we introduce to you one who might just hold the record for volunteer trips to the islands? He is Brother Len Crook, who is a member of the Prospect church in Adelaide, South Australia.

Brother Crook was born in Surrey, England, and came to live in Australia in 1949. During an evangelistic campaign in the city of Adelaide, run by the late Pastor John Coltheart in 1964, Len and his wife became Seventh-day Adventist church members. In the years since then, Len has made eleven trips away from home in the interests of the church's building programs. His first visit to Papua New Guinea was in a 1975/76 fly 'n' build to Port Moresby, with a team that built the Gordons and Sabama churches. This was followed with another to Vanuatu in November 1976. Over the Christmas/New Year holidays in 1980/81 he joined the group that built the new church on King Island, near Tasmania.

Since retirement some six years ago, Len has been coming back to Papua New Guinea almost on a regular basis, and helping out with the building program connected with the establishing of Pacific Adventist College. Len is now here at PAC for the eighth time in three and a half years, working with some of our national men to build houses for our college farm workers. During this latest visit Len has also helped at the Mount Diamond School, which is not far from PAC.



Photo: Eric Ware.

Mr Len Crook and his wife Eunice. Len is now on his eighth fly 'n' build.

We at Pacific Adventist College would like to say Thank you to Len for the unselfish service that he has rendered to the work of God. We hope that this will not be his last visit to Papua New Guinea, for we all love him, and would hope that he will just keep on coming back and helping out with the special talents that God has given him.

The Raspberry Pickers' Parable

Gwen Pascoe

A MAN, feeling that his life was lacking a certain sweetness, went out to pick raspberries. As he walked along, juggling his plastic containers, he thought of the heat of the sun, the prickles of the raspberry canes, but, especially, of the fragrance of the fruit.

As he neared the raspberry patch he noticed that many other men, besides women and children, had the same idea. He placed his empty containers in a patch of shade, then looked about him, hoping to see an unpicked area where his efforts would be richly rewarded, and his containers (including his interior) satisfyingly filled.

And as he watched he noticed that some pickers walked beside the rows of canes, plucking off a berry here and there, but it was late in the season and the topmost berries were few, and small. These pickers complained loudly, and their faces showed that the berries they had tasted were not sweet. Soon these pickers walked away, carrying few berries and mumbling,

"Raspberry picking gives me the pip!"

Then, as he still considered the situation, the newcomer, standing beside his empty containers, saw other pickers. These called loudly to one another, inquiring where the most luscious

and juicy berries could be found. And he noticed that these made much noise and stirred up much dust in running to and fro, but did not find much satisfaction anywhere. Presently, they too came up the hill, hot and dusty, with half-full containers and cross, frustrated faces.

As they passed they said,

"Don't bother, mate, they're not worth picking!"

The man wondered if it was as they said, but noticed that some men were not grumbling and rushing to and fro. These pickers were usually hidden by the plants, just a movement of leaves showing the place where each man worked.

Presently, while the man waited (beside his still-empty containers), one of these men came up the hill toward him. This man carried many containers, all full, and there were telltale signs of great enjoyment around his mouth. As he came by, he paused in the shade and said,

"There are plenty remaining. Just choose your row, get down on your knees, and look up!"

So the man, taking great encouragement (and all his containers), went to the nearest row, where he knelt down and looked up. And he found great sweetness and abundant satisfaction!



Now consider the parable, for the moral is not for raspberry pickers only. ■

Gwen Pascoe lives in Eltham North, Melbourne, Victoria. Her article was an entry in the Writers' Award competition.

THE ATTRACTION OF LIGHT

Margaret Small

WHENEVER I leave my home at night, I usually keep the porch light switched on so that on my way back I can see my way up the stairs. Often on my return, I have observed many hundreds of insects, moths, lacewings, beetles, flying ants and other species, all flying in a frenzy, battering their bodies against the light globe. Many in their excitement find themselves hopelessly caught in the sticky snare of a nearby spider's web. However, others keep coming in from the black of the night to take their places, ever attracted toward the light.

I got to thinking that mankind is like these insects. We are scattered throughout the darkness of this world, but God is calling us "out of darkness into His marvellous light." He says to us, "Ye are the light of the world." Just as the insects of different species were drawn to the light, so men of every race, colour and creed are being drawn to the Source of all light.

Just as some insects were entangled along the way, so some men will be ensnared into following the false light, the attractions of Satan.

Just as we need the warm, energising, healing rays of the sunlight to maintain our physical health, so, too, we need the light from the Sun of Righteousness to give us spiritual health.

But more than that, God says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

How attractive is your light? ■

THE LIGHTHOUSE

Its light beams out
across the wave,
Now it's here,
Now gone away;
Silver and white,
dark is the night
contrasted by
the yellow light.
It shines life for
the boat on the sea;
Its saving light
makes them free.
From the depths of the deep,
the cruel, rocky cliff,
the harsh, pounding waves,
the swell and the lift.
The man in the lighthouse,
if selfish were he,
and keep the light only
for himself to see,
Would waste of his service,
His strength and his love,
His light would not be,
Valued at all.
Only through sharing
the light that he has,
can it shine out
and help sailors home;
Its beam shines out
far as eye can behold,
Its influence goes on,
Its end never known.
—Sharon Higgins.



Mrs Sharon Higgins is a librarian at the of Nursing, Sydney Adventist Hospital.



Musical group who assisted with the Croydon and Ferntree Gully youth outreach in Melbourne.



Photo: B. Whelan.

Young people who assisted with the programs. Pastor Barry Whelan is at the far right of the picture.

"YOUTH ALIVE IN '85"

BARRY G. WHELAN, Pastor, Ferntree Gully Church, Victoria

WHAT AN ACCURATE description of the youth of Croydon and Ferntree Gully churches as they conducted a Voice of Youth program over the past seven weeks!

Following almost three months of preparation and planning, as well as much practice and prayer, this youth outreach venture commenced on June 21, 1985, in the Croydon church, and the same program was repeated on June 23 in the new Ferntree Gully hall complex. With local youth leading out in every part of the program, it was a thrilling time indeed for both parents, visitors and young people alike. These programs continued for two nights each week for the next seven weeks. Many of these young people had never been up the front in a church before, least of all leading out in a preaching program.

With Lorraine Wegener leading a group of well-trained musicians as the instrumental backing to both the song service as well as providing some musical items during the series, we had a good start to our programs week by week. Our special feature each night was conducted by a variety of guests—Pastor John Chan, Kevin Gibson (one of our local youth) and Andrew Wegener, Ferntree Gully church elder and a wildlife lecturer, who took the majority of programs and kept us enthralled with his nature series. Janine Harris was enthusiastic in her support for the program, and did excellent work in conducting the song service, as well as preaching. Many others were involved in various ways, including sound system, advertising and promotion, projection, lighting, ushering, as well as musical items

each week.

Altogether, nineteen different speakers were heard over the seven-week period, and although a little nervous at times, they were a credit to both their church and their God.

And the program has not been without results—a number of young people have come forward and requested preparation for baptism and, no doubt, further service for God in the future. We thank God for our precious young people in these churches, for their dedication and commitment. Surely it teaches us that involvement in outreach and working for others does much to keep our precious youth heading in the direction of the kingdom. Yes, our youth here are "alive in '85," and no doubt through their witness and work for the Master, results will be seen in eternity. ■

Avondale College's First Bachelor of Business Graduate

COLIN J. GIBSON, Head, School of Business Studies, Avondale College

"WILLIAM FRANCIS JAMES WIGHT," called Dr Tim Gorie, the assistant principal and academic dean of Avondale College, officiating at the graduation ceremony held at the Sydney Adventist Hospital on Sunday afternoon, July 28. This call was for Bill to receive his Bachelor of Business degree award, even though the majority of graduates were in nursing—hence the ceremonies being held on the hospital campus of the college. The degree was awarded "in absentia" to Bill, because he had already commenced employment in northern Queensland.

The Wight family, including Lynette (of the McClintock clan—well-known long-term missionary teachers in Papua New Guinea and previously from South New Zealand) and young Andrew (five years) and Kylie (two and a half years), have settled in Sarina, northern Queensland, where Bill has joined the teaching staff of the Sarina State High School, and Lyn is teaching Grade 4 at the local state primary school.

In addition to teaching in his fields of specialty, Bill has taken responsibility for pastoral work at the school. This involves a caring program in which a group of committed

Christians are very active, although it is not religion based. A need for Christian service rather than services seems to be more relevant to many present-day youth. It must be an interesting challenge to Bill to participate in such a program, which is receiving strong support in a number of schools. Going into the world with the gospel is what life is all about—and the justification for Avondale's unique contribution in education, whether it be toward the preparation of preachers, teachers, or businessmen.

This particular degree award is of special significance for Avondale, as it is the first BBus in Accounting to be awarded. The class that commenced in 1983, the year in which the degree course commenced, complete their studies in November of this year, when another ten could be expected to graduate. Bill was able to complete the degree requirements a little sooner because of credits from prior degree studies he had undertaken.

Former Avondale students who earned a Diploma of Business in Accounting will be interested to know that approval has recently been received for a conversion course, which will enable them to convert their diploma to a



Bill Wight and his wife Lynette (nee McClintock) with five-year-old Andrew and two-year-old Kylie. This picture was featured on the brochure "Hello, We are SDA's" produced by the North NSW Conference for mass distribution.

BBus degree if they wish. Details will be forwarded when available. ■

BORN TO WITNESS

Devotional Message presented at the General Conference Session, Wednesday, July 3, 1985, by IRENE McCARY,
Layperson from Needles, California

MANY PEOPLE come up to me and say, "How do you stay this way? Have you always been on fire for the Lord?" No. I've always had a friendly personality, but I have not always been on fire for Jesus. I had the message in my head and I knew it was right, and I raised three children knowing it was right, but I didn't have it in my heart. Not until I began to get up early in the morning—sometimes at three-thirty, sometimes two-thirty—and I'd open up my Bible. You see, there are no telephone calls at two-thirty and three-thirty in the morning.

My husband, Lee, and I own a drive-in, fast-food service in Needles, California. We used to put just the menu on the window. But one day, about fourteen years ago, the Lord impressed me to print a question and put it on the window: What is the only thing God wrote with His own finger?

Do you know the answer? "And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God." Exodus 31:18. And that's all I put on the window.

I had so much reaction from that one little scripture that the Holy Spirit said, "Put more." Now, as I would study early in the mornings, the Holy Spirit gave me Bible studies—what I call mini Bible studies, four scriptures. Twenty-seven people were baptised in one day at Needles, and all I used was four scriptures, three scriptures, maybe five scriptures.

Our business used to be right next to the freeway, but the route was moved eight blocks away. Now you have to come into town even to find me. And the drivers would say, "What are you going to do, Irene? You're going to lose your business."

I said, "Well, I have a Partner, and His name is Jesus." So I decided to put up a sign on this window: "My partner in this drive-in is Jesus."

Finally I started putting questions on the window. They all dealt with Christ's character, because so many people would come by and say, "You're closed on Saturday. Don't you know that the law was done away with? You don't have to worry about those commandments any more." Then the Holy Spirit started giving me Bible studies.

Let me give you one of my Bible studies. Proverbs 15:3 tells us that the eyes of the Lord are everywhere, "beholding the evil and the good." Then I add 2 Chronicles 16:9: "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." He is running everywhere, His eyes are watching everywhere. He knows there are people whose hearts are perfect toward Him. Now I turn to Matthew 13:16, where Jesus says, "Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear." And now for the icing on the cake. Psalm 119:18 tells us: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

Sometimes young fellows would knock on the door at the drive-in at five in the morning as

I was slicing tomatoes. They would say, "Irene, we need some Bible studies." At five? I'd leave the tomatoes and take them up to my kitchen, and we would sit around the table and have Bible study after Bible study.

I have a radio program every week—a Bible story geared for children. At the end of the program I say, "Now I'm going to ask you a question about this Bible story, and if you know the answer, I have a surprise. It's about ten centimetres high. You use it. It says something on it." I don't tell them what the surprise is, but I'm going to tell you. Surprises are just pretty combs—yellow, blue, purple, and green—and on these combs it says, "O how I love Jesus."

A thirteen-year-old girl called me last Friday, and she said, "Irene, I'd like to come to your church. Could you pick me up at my home?"

I said, "Sure, what is your name, honey?"

And she said, "Heather."

And I said, "Heather, where do you live?"

And so she told me that she lives across the river, about eleven or twelve kilometres from Needles. I told her I would be there and for her to be ready at nine. Heather already had invited a friend, so two girls were waiting for me at nine.

Now, I have a yellow van, a VW bus, and I go around and pick up sometimes forty-five children every single Sabbath. I get these children from the drive-in. I ask their parents, "Do your children go to church?"

And they'll say, "Oh, well, once in a while."

So I say, "I'd love to take them with me, but remember, I go to church on Saturday." They ask the children if they would like to go to church, and the children say, "Yeah, Mom, let us go with Irene." And so I go and pick up these children. Sometimes I drive seventy to eighty kilometres every Sabbath. I pick up the children, teach them in the youth division, and then take them home again. I have been doing this for about six years.

I have a poor memory—I couldn't even remember my room number yesterday! But the Lord gives me a memory for poems early in the morning. For instance, when I was in the dentist's office one of the girls working for him said, "Irene, give the dentist a poem."

So I said, "All right, I will. I can't understand how you can do to teeth what you are doing. It must be a gift. Let me give you this poem."

"The Lord He had a job for me,

But I had so much to do,

I said, 'Lord, You get someone else, or wait till I get through.'

Now, I don't know how the Lord came out, but He seemed to get along. But I felt kind of sneaking-like, 'cause I knew I had done Him wrong.

One day I needed the Lord myself, and I needed Him right away,

But I could hear that little voice, and I could hear Him say,

'I've got so much to do; you get someone else, or wait till I get through.'

Now when the Lord has a job for me I never try to shirk.

I drop what I have on hand, and I do the good Lord's work.

And my affairs can run along or wait till I get through. For no one else can do the job Jesus has marked out for you."

The dentist said, "Irene, I really like that poem. Could I have a copy?" Now, this is a doctor who used to turn off my Bible story each afternoon. But now he has a new baby, and he listens to the Bible story.

I have not always been a Seventh-day Adventist. I graduated from a public high school, and recently we were going to have a class reunion. The girls who got up the reunion said, "Irene, could we have a dinner at your home on Saturday?"

Now, I knew that not everyone who was coming was a Seventh-day Adventist. So I said, "We can have it after church—remember, you can't come to my home until twelve-thirty."

They said, "We know that, Irene. We'll schedule it for one. And we won't bring any meat. We'll make sandwiches and salads."

I said, "That's all right with me; you make it all up and bring it over."

I was a bit disturbed. Someone in the church said, "Irene, you're going to have a lunch with all those people at your house on Sabbath?"

And I said, "Yes, the reason I want to do it is that it's a field; there must be somebody the Lord wants me to touch."

On Sabbath 169 people came! Now, I don't have a big home, but to get ready for all these people I had cleaned every corner, made sure the windows were spotless, put everything in order. I said to my husband, "Lee, don't eat anything this morning. I don't want anything messed up in the kitchen."

He said, "All right." So everything was in perfect shape. And the 169 came.

We have a big patio and a big backyard. I put a table on the patio and served juice.

The people kept eating, and drinking the juice, and finally everyone sat around talking. After two or three hours they began to dwindle away. Eventually just two husbands and two wives remained. I said to one of them, "I heard you say, 'Praise the Lord.' You love Jesus, don't you?"

And she said, "Yes, we do."

And I said, "Well, you know, I do personal witnessing. I'm in an organisation in our church that we call Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries. It's just small businesses, and I tell people how I witness through my business."

They asked, "Well, what do you do?" I replied, "I know a real good poem."

"When Moses and his people

From Egypt's land did flee,

Their enemies behind them,

And in front of them the sea,

God raised the waters like a wall

And opened up the way,

And the God that lived in Moses' time

Is just the same today.

"When Pentecost had fully come,
And the fire from heaven did fall,
As a mighty wind the Holy Ghost
Baptised them one and all.
Three thousand got converted,
And were workers right away,
And the God that lived at Pentecost
Is just the same today."

That night there was to be a reunion I took copies of Ralph Blodgett's book *How Will It End?* (I've given away more than 600 already) and put them in my purse. The girls who were heading the committee had bought some monkeys and dressed them in our school colours and were giving them away. I said, "Let me have a couple of those monkeys." I took two monkeys, held them up in front, and said, "Let me give you a poem. When we were in school they didn't tell us that we came from monkeys. We always knew God as our Creator. But:

"Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree
Discussing things as they are said to be.
Said one to the other, 'Listen, you two,
There's a certain rumour that can't be true.
There are humans descended from our little race.
The very idea is a shocking disgrace.
Never did a monkey desert his wife
And starve the babies and ruin her life
And pass them on one from another
Till they scarcely know who is their mother.
And another thing you'll never see:
A monkey building a fence around a coconut tree.
Letting all the coconuts go to waste
Forbidding any other monkeys to taste.
Why, if I build a fence around the tree,
Starvation would force you to steal from me.
Another thing a monkey will not do—
Go out at night, get in a stew,
Making whoopee, disgracing his life,
Then going home and beating up his wife.
They call this all pleasure, they make a big fuss.
They descended from something, but not from us.'"

The crowd loved it. My friends said, "Irene, how did you learn this?"

I said, "My Bible study helps me."

Many people were drinking, and a dance was starting, so I prepared to leave. As I was going out I saw the two women I had talked to with their husbands in my backyard. And the Holy Spirit said, "Give them the books." So I said, "Girls, just a minute." Taking out my copies of *How Will It End?* I went up to them and said, "I have a beautiful book. I love it. You and I were talking this afternoon, but take these books."

And one girl looked at the book and said, "Oh, Irene, thank you! *How Will It End?* Oh, Irene, thank you! I've been wanting something like this." They gave me their names and addresses. I will send them a poem, but also more books. First *The Desire of Ages*. Then *Steps to Christ*. After that *Cosmic Conflict*.

Let me tell you how our church in Needles started to grow. Every night we met in a little prayer meeting and prayed, "Lord, open up doors. Help us in this little town. Nothing is happening here. Make us right, and use us in any way." And the Lord did it through a beauty parlour.

One day when I was in a beauty parlour a girl asked, "Irene, my husband and I are studying religions. Would you come over and bring some literature? And why do you keep Saturday when the whole world keeps Sunday?"

I said, "Do you really mean that?"

She said, "Yes."

I said, "I'll be over there."

I took the Sabbath school superintendent and went to their home on a Monday evening. Her husband was hungry for the Bible. I opened up the Bible and studied from creation right through to the end of the world—the whole thing—because I could see how hungry he was.

He took the Bible and said, "I've been praying for truth, and this is it. I know it!" I watched the Holy Spirit work.

After he was converted I had men from the railway come to me and say, "Irene, I want what he has."

I said, "I can't give it to you. You can't give the Holy Ghost to anyone. The Holy Spirit comes on you if you are open. You've got to be open; but if you close your heart and say, 'No, I'm not going to believe that,' then the Holy Spirit isn't going to work with you. He can't. You've got to open your heart."

There's a Gospel according to Matthew, to Mark, to Luke, and to John. But there is another—the gospel according to you. Many people do not read the words of the Bible, but

they are reading the book you are writing, the gospel according to you.

When people come to me at the drive-in and tell me they are Christians, I go back and I get *The Desire of Ages*. I raise that window and say, "The Lord sent you here. I have a beautiful book for you." One man gave me \$300, remarking, "Irene, buy literature with it and give it out." Within a week I had every bit of that literature gone. I give *The Desire of Ages*, *Steps to Christ*, all the little pamphlets. I go into the large department stores and put these pamphlets in the rest rooms.

There isn't anything I can do that you can't do, and I'm telling you to take our literature and scatter it like the leaves of autumn.

"God does not expect us to germinate the seed. He just said to plant it, this world a field in need. Jesus never told us to make the seed dust sprout; He just said to plant it, and plant it all about. Jesus never told us to make the seed grow; He just said to plant it, and plant it wherever you go. God never told us to make the seed bear fruit; He just said to plant it, and pray that it will root. Plant the seed and sow it, and get much seed in the soil. Jesus said the harvest would compensate the toil." ■

MEET OUR AUTHORS

18—A. W. Anderson

ON JANUARY 14, 1984, in a letter to A. T. Jones, Ellen White wrote from the camp-meeting at Brighton, Melbourne: "The first Sabbath of the conference meeting [January 6] three commenced the observance of the Sabbath, and yesterday five more took their position on the truth. Two businessmen [A. W. Anderson and his brother Richard] with their wives and relatives, numbering eight, begged for tents in order that they might remain on the ground and attend early-morning and evening meetings. One of the men will return every day with his horse and carriage to Melbourne, a distance of eight or ten miles, and look after the business, returning at night. These two brothers keep a large music establishment and are convicted of the truth, and we believe will yet take their position. Far and near the sound has gone out concerning this city of tents, and the most wonderful interest is awakened."

"Other campers crowded together a bit to make two tents available to the Andersons, who camped there for a few days. 'Had we tents,' continued Mrs White to Jones, 'many from the outside would camp with us on the ground who never heard that there were such people as Seventh-day Adventists until this time.' She added: 'We have already extended the meeting one week, and may have to extend it still longer. The Lord is among us working to His own name's glory.'"

The Anderson brothers and their families did indeed "take their position," and one of them became a prominent worker in the cause. The *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia* carries this entry on him:

"Anderson, Albert W. (1868-1949). Minister, musician, editor, author. He served with the Echo Publishing Company (Melbourne, Australia) and the Signs Publishing Company (Warburton), becoming editor of the

Australian *Signs of the Times* and *Life and Health*. From 1916 he gave strong leadership, at various times at the union level, to the educational, Sabbath school, home missionary, and religious liberty departments. His published works include *The Battle for Freedom* and *Through Turmoil to Peace** and *The World's Finale*.^{1,2}

Three of his sons became Seventh-day Adventist ministers, who made a notable contribution to the work in this Division and, in the case of two of them, abroad. These were Pastors Clifford R., Ormond K., and R. Allan Anderson. Clifford and Roy Allan earned places of honour in our list of authors in their own right. We will report on their respective literary contributions later in our series. ■

1. Arthur L. White, *Ellen G. White, The Australian Years*, page 117.

2. *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*; Commentary Reference Series, Vol 10, page 41.

* *Through Turmoil to Peace* was published by Signs Publishing Company, Warburton, Victoria, in 1932; publication dates of the other two could not be checked.



LAUTOKA SCHOOL

JOHN CLARK, Wantirna Church, Victoria

THE WIND from the sixth cyclone in as many weeks was still rattling the windows in Pastor Kabu's office at the Fiji Mission when he answered a phone call from Australia. My wife Lesley wanted to know if there was anything we could do to relieve the distress following the devastating series of cyclones that struck the Fiji group in the first two months of 1985. Pastor Kabu's immediate response was that the new school at Lautoka, as yet unopened, had been blown away, and that a fly 'n' build team was urgently needed to build a new school, otherwise the land would revert to the Native Land Trust. There was a school building available, but it would be a big project to relocate it from up in the mountains to Lautoka. Some had advised that the task was not possible, but after consultation we decided we would try to find the money and the people to take on this task.

The phone in my office ran hot the next morning as I contacted ADRA, Qantas and anyone else who could help get the project moving. Within twenty-four hours we had found a team leader, Ron Pahl, a man with the expertise required for the building task, previous experience as a teacher at Fulton and the dedication to leave off making a living to go to Fiji to assess the project. ADRA agreed to pay Ron's fare, and five days later he was on his way to make the necessary preparations for the teams that were to follow. Ron advised that we needed two teams of about eighteen people, one in May and another in June, with each group working for two to three weeks.

Fly 'n' build teams from Victoria in the past few years have been about as common as bunyips, so it was no surprise that, given the challenge, the response was overwhelming, and well within the required time all the places in both teams were filled. Many paid their own air fares and expenses, while others were sponsored by their local church or by friends or relatives. There were a number of clear evidences of God's leading in finding and financing all the members of the teams.

Photos: John Clark.

Kaz Ostrowski, Graeme Scott, Robert Debicki and Ron Pahl on the job at Lautoka.

Soon after his return from Fiji, Ron came to Melbourne to report on the project and show us photos and plans of the school and its proposed new site. We had a committee meeting to discuss the logistics of the whole project, and realised that we needed approximately \$20,000 to complete the building and to fit it out ready for use. Once again we were thrilled by the way those we approached were willing to help, and so far we have received \$13,000.

The building had been built for the expatriate children of the workers on the hydro-electric scheme at Monasavu. It is forty-two metres long by twenty-one metres wide, of steel-frame construction with timber wall modules in between. The task of dismantling and

transportation was started by the local team. They did a fantastic job of carefully dismantling and labelling each component, which made the task of reassembly much easier. They had been working at Monasavu for one month when we arrived, just in time to dismantle the steelwork and load up the trucks. Within a week we had the frame reassembled and in place on the new site, just beside the district director's home and the Indian church. It took just one more week to have the roof on and the main floor area of the forty-eight square metres of concrete completed.

Sabbath, May 4, saw hundreds of church members from the surrounding district assemble for the first meeting in our partially

From left: Uikilifi, Darryl Scale, John Pascoe, Dale Chapman, Frank Ratcliffe, Dale Eastwood and Darrel Josephs assemble the walls during relocation of the school.



The almost completed school. The church for Indian-speaking members, mentioned in the story on page 3 of this issue, is shown behind the school.



completed building. We praised God that it had not rained from the time we arrived to the moment the last screw went into the roof, and although two of the volunteers had fallen from the frame, neither had been hurt.

When our departure day, Monday, May 6, arrived, only half the team reluctantly went home; the others preferred to remain for as long as they were able. When we applied for an extension to Ron's visa, we discovered another miracle. Immigration rules prohibit entry to Fiji on a passport with less than six months' validity. Ron had entered the country twice on a passport which expired on June 1. As he was already there, he was allowed to remain until that date.

The second team arrived on May 13, and set about the task of completing the walls, plumbing, electrical work, ceilings, cleaning and painting. Many of these tasks required great patience—consider cleaning 2,000 louvres, and cleaning then painting hundreds of square metres of mildewed and muddy wall panels.

We would like to pay a special tribute to our dear friends who had the task of feeding all the hungry men and women at a time when fresh fruit and vegetables were so hard to obtain. Every meal was a banquet! Our thanks also go to Qantas and Continental for being so helpful by allowing us to take hundreds of kilos of excess baggage without cost. We are also thankful to the SHF Company, Melbourne, for their help, and Claude Trickey for lending us the "helicopter" (mechanical trowel). There are many others who helped in various ways, and can share in the satisfaction of seeing the building complete.

The final Sabbath, June 1, saw over 800 people assembled for a dedication service, baptism and sacred concert, all held in the new school complex. On Sunday we had a celebration party. The people of Fiji really know how to show their appreciation.

This has been an experience where everyone has gained. The western side of Fiji now has a focal point for their activities and the best school building in the area. The thirty-three volunteers experienced a new kind of fellowship in living among and working with these most lovable people.

This story is not complete. Application has been made to start school in January 1986, but as yet they have no furniture, library books or essential teaching aids. I believe the school will start on schedule, because I know that there are yet others willing to support this vital project.

Evidence of Divine Providence

S. D. RATULEVU, Education and Communication Director, Fiji Mission

SABBATH, JUNE 1, 1985, was a very special Sabbath which marked the completion of our Lautoka school, an evidence of divine providence. About 800 church members of the Lautoka district gathered to witness and celebrate at the dedication service, conducted by our mission president, Pastor Aisake Kabu. This new school was completed through the combined efforts of a team of local builders led by Brother Waisale Koroi, and two fly 'n' build teams from Australia, organised by John and Lesley Clark of Melbourne, and led by Ron Pahl.

Toward the end of 1984 our church members of Lautoka had been working untiringly, erecting a temporary classroom to be used in 1985. The Fiji Ministry of Education had approved the operation of a primary school for classes 1 to 6. The building was almost completed when cyclones Eric and Nigel struck and effectively demolished it. Sorrow and discouragement pressed our members, but out of this apparent disaster divine providence brought hope and cheer.

Brother Leon Olsen, CPUM secretary-treasurer, negotiated a much-appreciated insurance claim. With this money the mission was able to purchase a large school building with six classrooms, library, teachers' offices, staff-rooms and toilets, all under one roof. A number of organisations, including the local landowners at Nadarivatu, had expressed a desire to acquire this building. Pastor Kabu submitted an application, requesting that we be allocated the building for our Lautoka school. Although the insurance money we had was far less than the sum offered by others, after overcoming many obstacles, the decision was made by the Fiji Electricity Authority Director Mr David Pickering and the District Commissioner Western Mr Poseci Bune in favour of our church.

At about this time the Native Land Trust Board approached Pastor Kabu about the land at Lautoka, declaring that unless the land was developed straight away they would withdraw the lease title, take the land back and subdivide it for a housing estate. He was able to inform them that the building was under way, and they were stunned to see such a substantial building almost completed. Divine intervention prevented the board snatching away our land.

Another evidence of divine providence was in the leadership given by the new district director, Brother Aisea Vaciloa. He replaced

Pastor Epeli Soro, who had gone to PAC for further studies. For some time the district director's position had been vacant, and there had been no one to organise the work at Lautoka. Aisea had been fourteen years in the treasury department of the Fiji Mission, and responded to a call to the ministry at Lautoka. His very able leadership brought inspiration and cooperation to both church members and volunteers from Australia. He was the right man, in the right place, at the right time.

At this time God opened the right channel to recruit volunteers from Australia. Pastor Kabu was contacted by Mrs Lesley Clark of Melbourne, who made arrangements for volunteers under the leadership of builder Ron Pahl. Within a few days Ron came to Fiji to investigate and commence the project. Four weeks later he returned to Fiji with the volunteers and all their valuable tools. They all worked very hard and had the building completed by Friday, May 31.

One of the highlights of Sabbath, June 1, was a baptism of ten precious souls, eight of whom were Indians. We believe that many former missionaries and other church members overseas are interested in our Indian work in Fiji. We also believe that this school will be a wedge to further expand the work among the Indian community of Lautoka.

The establishment of the Lautoka school will be a fulfilment of Paul's statement in Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." The building now stands as a monument and milestone in Fiji's work of Christian education.

Our very sincere and hearty thanks from the Fiji Mission and especially the church members in the Lautoka district to the volunteers from Australia, who dedicated their time and talents to the task. We also thank the families of the volunteers and their supporters, who assisted and contributed funds to enable them to come to Fiji. Thank you to all those who have worked behind the scenes and those who have made donations. A big "Vinaka" to Owen Twist, the project treasurer.

We believe that only time and eternity will tell the whole story. Then the full rewards for the good work put into this worthy project will more than compensate for any sacrifices made.



ASSAM UPDATE

MOIRA IRVINE

"YOU'RE NOT still going are you, Mum? What with the assassination of Mrs Ghandi, Sikh riots and border closures. How could you?" So spoke on the phone our daughter, a few days before our proposed four-week trip to the north-east area of India.

It was almost five years since our return from Assam, and we had planned this visit to see the progress and assess the needs. Now, all this trouble cast doubts on the wisdom of such a trip.

Many RECORD readers will recall that back in 1974 my husband, Ian, was called by the Foreign Affairs Department of Australia to head up the newly proposed aid project called the Indo-Australian Cattle Breeding Project in Assam, India. During our six-year stay there I wrote a couple of articles for the RECORD, stating how this restricted-entry state the size of Victoria had no SDA-owned property, even though there is a population of over fourteen million.

Our first move was to buy three acres of precious Indian soil for the conference, or "section" as it is called there. Over the next couple of years, we were able to build a small church-cum-school for the twenty or so children and families living on a tea estate about fifteen kilometres north of our farm. The next step was to build a neat home for the pastor and then one for the teacher. Before we left, through the generosity of many wonderful people, the complex had grown to a three-roomed school plus staff housing for three teachers.

Between 1980 and 1984 two more staff homes were built and two new classrooms added. We were most anxious to see if these were being utilised and how the whole complex was being maintained.

Our youngest son, Brendon, my fifteen-year-old niece and I arrived in Calcutta in mid-December, just in time for the pre-election commotion. We had planned only a day in this crowded city, just long enough to get the necessary entry permits. So we thought. However, we were dismayed to discover that these vital documents were now issued only from Delhi, so it was either go there at an extra cost of almost \$1,000, or travel to the border of the restricted area and wait for Delhi authorities to post them to us at our Falakata school in West Bengal.

We decided on the latter course of action and flew to the foothills of the Himalayas, where we understood our ordinary passports allowed us to go. Imagine our surprise when we arrived at our Naxalbari school, to be told by the principal that the security officer had informed them that we were planning to visit, but would not be allowed to do so. But we were there anyway! After polite negotiations we were allowed to stay for three or four days.

Let me tell you about this Naxalbari school.

Pastor Alan Maberly pioneered in this area and established two church-school complexes—this one and one at Kalimpong. Both these schools are still flourishing, in fact, better than ever. Local electricity has just come to the area at Naxalbari, so we are trying to find the necessary funds to enable it to be connected to the school and principal's house. The Kalimpong school has recently been enlarged to a double-storey, six-classroom block, but now their finances are exhausted, so we are going to cement the floors and provide shutters for the windows, as there is no glass and it can get quite cold at an altitude of 1,800 metres.

Taking a rattling taxi we journeyed east to our Raymond Memorial School, where the Streeters and the Richard Andersons laid a sure foundation. Again our arrival involved security negotiations late into the night, but we were once more allowed to remain on condition that we stayed at the school.

No permit arrived from Delhi for us to go into Assam, and as our time was running out we decided to take a train and face the music when we got there. After a seven-hour journey we arrived at our farm and went straight to the police station (we were beginning to feel like old hands at this kind of thing by now!), where we were informed in no uncertain terms that we could not stay, as we had no permit. Now the big miracle occurred. The District Commissioner "happened" to be in the area, so we went to see him. To make a long story short, he allowed us to stay the time we needed.

In the freshness of the next morning it was heartening to walk around the villages near the farm and to find the people, especially the children, looking so healthy. It made me feel that all the efforts made to try to instil basic hygiene into their lives had been worth it. Certainly there was no evidence of scabies or ulcers or malnutrition as far as I could see—such an improvement on the condition in 1975, when as many as 120 people a week came to the clinic that we set up. Family planning is even being practised by the younger couples, and this is something in a largely Muslim area.

Travelling on a typical inter-village wooden-framed bus, the eighteen-kilometre journey north to the school that we had built was really the highlight of our trip. If we had not been able to even see this project so dear to our hearts, then the whole trip would have been so disappointing.

We were there during the Christmas vacation, so we did not see many of the students except those who lived close by. However, we could see where the fifty young boys were temporarily housed in the duplex we had built for staff. We could see the urgent need for a hostel, so did some rapid costing and found that at least \$6,000 would be needed if the new Northeast Union of India agreed to having one at all. We were thrilled to learn that the married

student we had sponsored through Spicer college was to be the new principal.

Tucked away in the next range of hills is our Adventist Training School. Originally it trained the students in trades, hence the name, but like many of our schools, has wandered from the blueprint so that it is almost purely just an academy—with no provision for poor students to work off debts. We spent our last Sabbath in India at this school, and were happy to worship in the chapel built with thirteenth Sabbath funds in the early 1970s. However when we strolled over to the girl's dormitory in the afternoon, we were appalled to see the unattractive parlour with its dull wooden floors, its smoke-grimed walls and ceiling, no curtains, no rugs, no pictures and rickety backless forms that the girls sat on for worship. The principal explained there was just no money for refurbishing that room or even to paint the outside.

On returning to Australia I mentioned this to our own Lilydale Academy, and that fine staff has decided to raise about \$500 at their twenty-first anniversary dinner to paint and refurbish this parlour. Isn't that great! Then, back in March the Healesville church invited me to speak on Sabbath afternoon, and they are raising the money to connect the electricity at the Naxalbari school.

But back to ATS, as this school is known. In order to make a plane connection the next morning, we had to leave late Sabbath afternoon, so we booked seats on the normally scheduled bus. We waited for two hours, but the bus didn't come. Seeing three cars coming along the rough, dusty road, we hailed them. One stopped, and the driver offered to take us to Shillong. He turned out to be the salesman for school uniforms, and knew our ATS school. He had been a Hindu, but was now trying to be a Christian. He said that he didn't really have much trust in a God of love, and wanted to know how he could develop more so he would worry less about the future. The two-hour ride in the dark flew by as we conversed. We left his name with our members in Shillong, and I have sent him a tape of Christian songs.

Back at Shillong that evening I met with the union conference officers, and they were very supportive as far as building additions at the school went. However, they did not want to be burdened with another boarding situation, as they have three already and all are running at a loss. So, while we will build as planned, the boarding will be phased out in time, and this building will become the infant school.

Knowing that I needed to meet the new union officers about the school's future, we went again by taxi up into the Khasi Hills of Meghalaya to Shillong, the former capital of Assam in the days of the British. This area has a long history of SDA work, and is well-known and respected. Most of the Khasi people are Christians.

Safely back in Australia, we thanked God for the progress in the five years since we lived there, and with renewed vision determined to do what we can in the few years left to us to help finish the work in Assam, India. ■

AUSTRALIANS IN SOS*

C/- West Nordic Union Conference
Holmenkolleien 31
Oslo 3
Norway
June 22, 1985

To our dear Australasian friends,

May and I have just returned from the last meeting in our series on the "Way of Life" in our church at Tromsø, north Norway. It is a beautiful night. The sun is shining into our fourth-floor apartment, which is the president's home, and in his absence we have occupied it for ten days. The sun, mirrored in a silver path across the fjord below us, will be shining in its brilliance all night. In fact tomorrow evening is midsummer's night, and is an occasion for celebration 'way up here in the Arctic Circle. Across the fjord the snow-capped mountains surrounding Tromsø stand out in clear relief against the blue night sky.

Living in perpetual daylight, as we have been doing for almost a month now, is an unforgettable experience. The "nights" are lovely. Yes, it is hard to go to sleep when the sun is shining brightly. However, we are getting used to that now. The beauty of this experience makes us appreciate the promise that there will be no night in the New Jerusalem. We must all be there to enjoy this phenomenon.

A lovely thing happened at our meeting this evening. As usual we closed this series with a testimony meeting. The elder of the church then arose and invited all present to send greetings to the churches where we would go to in Scandinavia, and through us also to convey special greetings to their fellow believers in Australasia. The audience of about eighty people, both members and non-members, spontaneously rose to their feet in response to

Pastor Ray Stanley during his Way of Life series held at Hammerfest, in Norway. This is the most northerly Adventist church in the world. Pastor Odd Hagen is the translator. The background picture was prepared by veteran artist Mel Skinner, of Sydney.

Photo: R. Stanley



this invitation. These people love the Lord and His wonderful truth, and resolved to be loyal until Jesus comes.

To many people who do not live in the Arctic Circle, the observance of the Sabbath poses a problem because of three months of sunshine and three months of darkness. However, the people here in our churches are not perplexed. Of course, to some it is a hardship, but that is often a part of the life that chooses to follow Jesus. At this time of the year the main body of the church observe the Sabbath from around midnight Friday to midnight Saturday. In the wintertime, when the sun is not seen for about three months, it is observed from around midday Friday until midday Saturday. In all, their love for the Sabbath and the blessing they receive are the same as Adventists around the world.

Many of our members here are self-employed, or work in our church-owned and operated sanitariums, located throughout Scandinavia. Those who seek regular employment find in this country a kindly tolerance to all people who have particular religious convictions, and therefore Sabbath requests are usually acceded to.

Two weeks ago we had the privilege of ministering to our unique church in Hammerfest. Hammerfest, the world's most northern

city, is nestled right on the edge of a fjord and is surrounded by snow-capped mountains of solid rock, where only moss grows. Our church members, numbering nine, meet in a well-kept little church. In our "Way of Life" series held in that church, every member was present each evening, and a similar number of non-members joined them. The churches in this area of the midnight sun are often small in number, but display a warm love for God and our wonderful message. With you they long for Jesus to come soon.

Since beginning our SOS ministry here in Scandinavia in March, we have been very busy, and the future looks to be no different. During August and September we will be holding "Way of Life" meetings in four of our main churches in Denmark. Then in October we will be back in Norway again.

In spite of the beauty of this country, and the warm-hearted fellowship of these people, our thoughts often turn homeward, and we long for the day when we shall again praise and worship with you in our native tongue.

May God bless you all. Hold fast till the work is done, and Jesus returns.

Yours in the blessed hope,
Ray and May Stanley.

* Sustainees Overseas Service.

THE BAPTISM OF SOLOMON!

DONALD H. WATSON

SOLOMON WAS BAPTISED on May 18, 1985, and with him Nuroa and Na Puna. Where? On the island of Aitutaki, Cook Islands.

For four months it had been my pleasure to assist Pastor John Marsters, the national pastor

of the two Adventist churches on Aitutaki, more especially because he had been a student of mine forty years ago in the mission school in Rarotonga.

Church services, Bible studies, visitation of members, daily Bible class at the church school of seventy-five pupils and three classes in typing by my wife kept us busy. We kept fit by walking over all the island's roads.

The influence of Pastor Swendson, the union evangelist from Tahiti the previous year, plus further Bible studies by the writer, resulted in the baptism of those mentioned. Father

Solomon was the last of his large family to join the Adventist Church, much to the joy of his family, including a son with the interesting name of Solomon a Sabbati. Nuroa was baptised in spite of the strong opposition of her non-Adventist parents. Na Puna was one of the students of my Bible classes.

The Aitutaki churches are an inspiration too, in relation to the attendance of all ages at all meetings, including prayer meetings. The memberships are 200 and eighty-five. Hats on most of the ladies at all services provide another colourful feature of these more conservative islands. Both churches are strong in the faith and active in witnessing.

My Bible studies included two American Mormon elders, who were interested to discover we also belonged to the church of Jesus Christ of latter-day saints with a prophet more accurately fulfilling Revelation 14 than they were.

Many overseas visitors now come to see this beautiful island with its large lagoon, attracted by the slogan "If you wish to escape the stress of civilisation, there is still Aitutaki!"

We have just been inspired by the General Conference session in New Orleans, and are travelling by motor home to visit our daughters Ruth in USA, and Ngaere in Canada. ■



Photo: D. H. Watson.

Recently baptised on the island of Aitutaki in the Cook Islands (from left): Nuroa, Na Puna, Pastor D. H. Watson and Solomon.

NOT NUTS BUT CRACKERS

INEEN CORNELL, Communication Secretary, Nunawading Church, Victoria

NUNAWADING CHURCH has gone "CRACKERS"! But don't be alarmed, all is well. It is just that our church has become very community conscious, and this latest outreach program is aimed at helping the young mothers in the area, but is also available to all ages, anywhere.

Some concerned ladies of the church, under the direction of Mrs Hazle Colliver, conferred with the local council social workers, and discovered that there was in the community a tremendous need for young mothers to be able to get out of their homes at least once a week, and be free from the care of their children for at least a short while. They needed a place where they could associate with others of their own age and with similar interests and concerns, and join in activities, crafts and discussions, knowing that their children were being well looked after.

Mrs Colliver worked on the idea, and in counsel with the others who were interested, including the pastor of the church, the Lay Activities leader and the conference Communication director, came up with the plan for "CRACKERS"—Central Road (where our church is) Activity Centre (the K is thrown in for correct spelling!), Educational, Recrea-

Photo: E. J. Totenhofer.

Mrs Maurine McMahon does valiant service in charge of the creche at the Nunawading Crackers programs.



tional Sessions—there you have it—"CRACKERS."

What about the babies and toddlers to be cared for? A creche was the answer; free child-minding was to be provided. Would it work?

Nunawading is a big church with a large hall, kitchen, welfare room, minister's room and children's Sabbath school rooms, all carpeted and heated for the winter. All of those rooms, plus the hall, are being used for vegetarian and Chinese cookery classes, stretch sewing, macrame, tapestry, crochet, decorative arts, floral art, parenting skills, aerobics and, of

course, the creche. Not all the classes are held at the same time; some are spaced over a period of weeks, but all are conducted by qualified people.

Yes, it has worked. It can now be reported that, after operating for one month on a trial basis, with mainly mothers of several Seventh-day Adventist churches in the eastern suburbs, the centre has gone public. The response from the community has been most rewarding. All the prayers, planning and promotion have been worth it! The creche is almost overflowing, and the mothers are happy. ■

GIFTS FROM THE CHILDREN

ROBYNNE WESLAKE, Communication Secretary, Hamilton Church, North NSW

IT IS SOMETIMES difficult for small children to understand what happens to the money they place in the offering bag each Sabbath morning. To remedy this problem the primary Sabbath school of Hamilton church, NSW, embarked on a project to coincide with the recent Bellona fly 'n' build scheme. This project was to send a box of educational supplies to Burns Creek Primary School, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.

Each Sabbath twelve children happily brought along a second offering, some even emptying their precious moneyboxes to contribute as much as possible. After ten

Sabbaths they had raised \$70, and with the kind contribution of \$50 from a church member, the figure totalled \$120.

Now came the exciting part. Twelve little people, filled with happy anticipation, met with their teachers to go on a shopping expedition and spend the money they had given. What fun they had selecting exercise books, pencils, rubbers, paints and scissors! How patient were the warehouse employees as the children counted out the money and packed a large carton with the goods!

The box was sent to its destination with the fly 'n' build team. One of the primary boys

acted as ambassador, and accompanied his mother to the school to deliver the supplies.

Burns Creek Primary School is situated on the main road from Honiara to the Western Pacific Union Mission headquarters and Betikama school. It is also on the main road from the international airport. Most of the buildings at the school are World War II tin sheds, unbearably hot and dark, with leaking roofs and unable to be locked, catering for over 200 national children of local Seventh-day Adventists and workers. You can only begin to imagine the problems these teachers and students face under such conditions. Our small box seemed so inadequate to meet the incredible need.

We feel sure the photographs taken and brought home and shown to the children will help them catch a glimpse of what their offerings can do, and also bring a realisation of how much more we need to give. ■

The smiling faces of the children in the lower grades of the Burns Creek Primary School in the Solomon Islands, show their pleasure and gratitude.

Typical interior of the classroom.



Photos: R. Weslake.



Heaven Is a Wonderful Place

IN NEW ZEALAND, one of the children's favourite songs goes like this, "Heaven is a wonderful place, filled with glory and grace."

How often do we let our minds dwell on what is to be our future home? Abraham's first priority was heaven (Hebrews 11:10), and Paul wrote, "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2, RSV.

This is just what the children in our school at Tauranga have been doing. When asked why they liked heaven, this is what they said:

Tracey, aged 10: "I like heaven because of the splendid beauty of butterflies, and seeing clear waters and animals that were wild, but now are tame."

Jeannie, aged 10: "I like heaven because we will have no limits or boundaries. We will be able to go wherever we want to, whenever we want to. We can go and visit the other worlds and planets. There will be beautiful scenery along the way."

Lauretta, aged 9: "I like heaven because I can talk to Jesus, and Jesus can tell me stories of when He was a little boy."

Alastair, aged 13: "I like heaven because I like flying. I would also like to sit down and eat twenty mangoes."

Fiona, aged 11: "I like heaven because the people will be so kind, helpful, friendly and happy. I could meet my Nana and Papa and my other Papa, I could invite my favourite Bible person (besides Jesus), Esther, home for tea."

Jantwan, aged 9: "The people will have lovely mansions with pools and orchards and big gardens. The houses will be very comfortable."

Gaye, aged 9: "I like heaven because there will be beautiful scenery there. Beautiful flowers—red, blue, yellow, orange and many other colours; big shady trees, different shades of green. But most of all when we see these things we can think of Jesus, the One who made them. He will be the most beautiful thing there. I am looking forward to it, aren't you?"

Dear friends, what a wonderful inheritance is in God's Reserve Bank for each one of us! Let us look forward to it, rejoicing, and sharing the good news with others whenever we can.

Lloyd Chilcott.

HEAVEN

Heaven will be so much fun, because there won't be any sun, The Lord God will be our light, and it will be a wonderful sight.

There will be no sorrow, sickness or pain, Neither will there be thunder and rain. Everything will be so perfect and good.

We will walk along the streets of gold, and see the mansions we are told, The animals will all be tame, then we can cuddle the lion's mane.

The New Jerusalem will be made of gold and precious stones, like sapphire, emerald, jasper and topaz.

There will be twelve gates made of pearls, Oh! what a wonderful place for boys and girls!

—Deborah Lipkovich,

Aged 13, Mount Gravatt, Qld.

A Different Potluck

C. A. PETERSON, Sabbath School Secretary, Brighton Church, SA

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED what you would have eaten if you had lived back in Bible times? Of course, we all know about Jacob and Esau and the pottage of lentils, and Daniel and his friends who chose to eat pulse. And, of course, there were the leeks and onions, garlic, cucumbers and melons that the children of Israel longed for when they "only" had manna to eat. And who could forget the boy with the barley loaves and fishes? Still, it does seem a pretty monotonous diet, and nothing in comparison with what we bring home from the supermarket and greengrocer's shop.

So, what did they eat? If it puzzles you, you can imagine that it puzzled the young people in the Junior/Teen division of the Brighton Sabbath school, South Australia. After all, food is a pretty important part of life when you are a teenager.

To help solve the puzzle, the leader of the Junior/Teen Sabbath school, Mrs Irene Powell, decided to put on a "Potluck With a Difference"—all Bible-times food. Each young person was asked to bring a particular type of food—milk, dates, raisins, lentils and other types of beans, and so on.

What a feast we had—soup, stew, rissoles, all made with different types of beans, Lebanese-type bread, fruit and nuts, and milk to drink! It is amazing what you can find to eat from the Bible when you really go hunting. Pomegranates, figs, almonds, apricots, dates, walnuts, pistachios, olives and grapes were among the fruits that we discovered any Israelite mother might have served to her family for lunch.

To help "set the scene," as it were, the young people dressed in Bible-type costumes. What a bright picture they made in robes fashioned from the best that mother's linen cupboard could provide! Mums and dads, brothers and sisters and church members who had helped in the Junior/Teen room during the past year, were invited to participate, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

If the young people in your Sabbath school are having a problem relating the events of the dim, distant past with their everyday living in 1985, perhaps you might like to illustrate this aspect of living in a similar way. We are sure you will have an interesting day. ■



Deanne Gorry serves her grandparents at their fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration.

Golden Day for Gorrays

FROM THE MOMENT the guests entered the hall of the Waitara Seventh-day Adventist church it was clearly visible that it was a golden day. There was the miner's right, the pick and shovel, the gold pan. The backdrop depicted the golden town, where fifty years before George Gorry had found his golden girl, Vera Young, in the Mosman Street tinsmith's shop in which her grandfather had plied his trade on the goldfields of Charters Towers.

And now the descendants of George and Vera Gorry, all six of them, with their twenty-five children, had gathered with their spouses, relatives, and friends to honour the golden anniversary of their parents' marriage, and enjoy the feast of good things prepared by the eldest granddaughter, Michelle Gorry. They were served by six granddaughters, wearing period costume, and a grandson, Andrew Booker, together with Mavis Mitchell and Yvonne James, who provided a medley of musical "golden memories."

Among the telegrams, cards and good wishes received, were a number of pictures of their first great-grandchild, Adan Gorry, son of their eldest grandchild, Brent Gorry, who lives in Darwin. When Adan was born in Alice Springs on April 19, 1985, a line of four eldest sons, covering four living generations of Gorrays, was formed.

Those who gathered at Waitara on June 30, 1985, pray that the rest of the days of George and Vera Gorry may indeed be golden days. ■

Weddings

PIOT—BARLOW. Terrence John Piot and Jennifer Joy Barlow were married at the Mount Colah Seventh-day Adventist church, New South Wales, on June 30, 1985. Terry is the youngest son of John and Jeanine Piot of Wahoonga, and Jenny is the youngest in the family of John and Doreen Barlow of Berowra. Both parents work at the Sydney Adventist Hospital. We pray that the presence of God may always grace this new home.

R. D. Trim.

KUIVISTO—BALL. On Sunday, July 21, 1985, in the historic little church of St Peter, Lewtrenchard, Devon, England, Corinne Ball pledged her troth to Ilkka Kuivisto. Corinne is the daughter of Dr and Mrs Bryan Ball of Avondale College, Australia, and Ilkka is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Veijo Kuivisto from Finland. Ilkka and Corinne first met at Newbold College. The Rev Peter Robinson conducted the marriage ceremony, assisted by Dr Ball. Many friends and relatives gathered at the reception to share the happiness of the bridal couple on their special day and to pray for God's blessing and leading in their united lives.

Bryan Ball.

VAN BALLEGOOYEN—DICK. The quaint nineteenth-century St John's church, Wahoonga, New South Wales, was where Julie-Anne Dick and Clement van Ballegooyen made promises to love each other for ever. Friends and relatives from Perth and even Holland, joined their parents, Joan Dick and Andries and Johanna van Ballegooyen, to share in this wonderful occasion on Sunday, July 21, 1985. Clem and Julie will make their home in Warrburton, Victoria, where he is the assistant pastor.

Owen D'Costa.

Till He Comes

BROSZAT. Mrs Erna Broszat passed to her awaited rest on June 29, 1985. She had lived eighty-six years. The longest-serving member of the Rockhampton church, she was baptised at the age of fourteen. Coming to Rockhampton from Germany, her family was influenced toward Adventism by the strong German Adventist community and a German copy of *The Great Controversy*. She was laid to rest on July 1 in the North Rockhampton Cemetery, Queensland. Her two sons, Kurt and Carl, survive her. Friends and relatives were pointed to her love for Christ and His love for her. Mourners were directed to prepare for the future resurrection with Erna and Jesus.

M. S. House.

CHALKER. Born in the year 1900, Susan Chalker was a gentle Christian woman who will be remembered for her practical Christianity. Active until the last twelve months of her life, she is fondly remembered by her children Catherine (Rees), June, Rose and Hubert, her ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She died in the Woden Valley Hospital on July 30, 1985, and her funeral service was held in Canberra's National church, Australian Capital Territory, on August 2. She had been a member of our National church since reading herself into this message in 1972. We wait with confidence for the resurrection morning.

Bruce Manners.

COOPER. Lola Cooper had known sickness for most of her life, but had raised a family and "adopted" many more as honorary members during her sixty-four years. Her death on July 26, 1985, in the Woden Valley Hospital, Australian Capital Territory, came just five months after that of her husband David. Formerly of Wollongong, where the family came in contact with Seventh-day Adventists through the ministry of Pastor H. C. Barritt, she and her husband retired to Canberra four years ago. The funeral service was held at the National church, Canberra, where her children Garry, Malcolm, Wally and Joy, and grandchildren with many friends were strengthened by the many promises of Scripture.

Bruce Manners.

GILBERT. Joan Rhodes was born in Christchurch, New Zealand, on March 25, 1919, and following a brief illness fell asleep in Jesus in the Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahoonga, New South Wales, on August 3, 1985, aged sixty-six years. On March 3, 1942, Joan married Gordon Gilbert, and together until their retirement on January 9, 1979, Joan and Gordon faithfully served the church in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Pastor S. M. Uttley assisted the writer and spoke words of comfort and hope to a large company of relatives and friends who met in the Avondale Memorial church and at the Avondale Lawn Cemetery on August 5. We express our deepest sympathy to the sorrowing husband Gordon, daughter Glenda and her husband Pastor Aaron Jefferies, and their three sons Mark, Darren and Craig.

M. G. Townend.

KYLE. Charles Kyle was unexpectedly found to be at rest on the morning of July 22, 1985. Five years earlier, Charlie had suffered a stroke, but had made a good recovery. Somewhat of a recluse all his life, Charlie lived right up the Macleay Valley, at a property near Millbank, New South Wales. It was there that he found lodgings with the Griffiths family. Charlie worked doing chores around the farm. He will be dearly missed by Ann and John Griffiths and their three children, to whom Charlie was a grandfather figure. This family was impressed with his Adventist faith and lifestyle, and Pastor Bruce Roberts shared with the mourners the blessed hope for Charlie's resurrection by his Lord.

David Price.

LANE. Minnie Matilda Lane was born in the Midlands of England in 1892. When she was twenty years old she migrated to New Zealand. Later she came to Brisbane, Queensland, where she met and married Edward Lane. There was no family to this union, and Mr Lane predeceased his wife in 1970. It was shortly after this that Mrs Lane became an Adventist through the ministry of the local Sandgate church elder, Brother Rod Cover. She spent some time at the Adventist Retirement Village at Redland Bay, and then transferred to the Seahaven Nursing Home, Brighton, where she died on July 10, 1985. She now lies peacefully at rest in the Albany Creek Crematorium.

David Lamb.

McDOWELL. George McDowell, aged sixty, died suddenly but peacefully in his sleep at home. Born in Northern Ireland, his family settled in Canberra, when he was three years old. George accepted Adventism with the help of his wife Brigitta, and Pastor C. Brown; he was baptised just three years ago. He leaves his wife and two young sons. A graveside service was held at Gungahlin Cemetery, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, on Friday, July 5, 1985. Jesus' words about Himself being the resurrection and the life brought hope and comfort.

Bruce Manners.

McNIELL. The death of Eileen McNeill in her eighty-sixth year on May 28, 1985, was the severing of yet another chord of the Napier Adventist church's link with the past. The Smart family's roots can be traced to the infancy of the Adventist Church in New Zealand; not surprisingly Mrs McNeill was full of the pioneer spirit. She looked upon the Adventist primary school as her "baby," and lavished upon it generous financial support. It was most appropriate that the children from the Adventist school would be present to sing at her funeral. The writer was assisted by David Jack in recalling the life of this happy and beautiful Christian woman.

P. H. Ballis.

MUHLBERG. Nyomie Linda's brief but beautiful life ceased on July 20, 1985, at the Moe Hospital, Victoria. Three months of radiant living brought much happiness to parents Peter and Roslynd, and to their relatives and friends. The comfort of the Scriptures with the wonderful promises of the glorious resurrection morning were ministered in a chapel service at Traralgon, on July 24. We then laid this precious "jewel" to rest in the Traralgon Lawn Cemetery, where the writer was assisted by Pastor John Rayner, the minister for the Latrobe Valley.

D. J. Self.

REPATH. Jack Repath was born at Plymouth, England, on June 24, 1905, and passed away at the Box Hill Hospital, Melbourne, Victoria, two days after attaining his eightieth birthday. Jack had served with Granose Foods, and as a colporteur in England, and migrated to Australia in 1960 with his wife Irene, and his daughter Joy. On the decease of his

wife in 1978, Jack became more closely associated with the Burwood church, where he found a loyal circle of Christian friends. After a service at the Burwood church, our faithful brother and friend was laid to rest in the Burwood Cemetery. He is survived by his daughter Joy.

D. J. Self.

SPENCER. Mabel Florence Spencer was born in Kent, England, on May 12, 1898, and passed peacefully away on May 26, 1985, at Dandenong, Victoria. Mabel spent most of her life at Hazelbrook in the Blue Mountains, New South Wales, and after the decease of her husband Walter, she moved to Dandenong to live with her daughter Betty. Sister Spencer was blessed with three children, Alfred, Peter and Elizabeth, eighteen grandchildren and fifty-one great-grandchildren. The light of Mabel's life was Jesus Christ. After a service at the Springvale Crematorium Chapel, we committed her to the tender care of the One who loves her with an everlasting love and will keep her unto "that great day."

D. J. Self.

TORODE. Dorothy Irene Torode was born at Palooana, Tasmania, on January 15, 1902, and passed away in "Airlie," the Adventist nursing home at Wahoonga, New South Wales, on June 25, 1985. She came to the Lord and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church as the result of an evangelistic program conducted by Pastor Robert Hare. In 1924 she married William Torode in Devonport, and later they both moved to Wahoonga, where William designed the Wahoonga church and primary school, and also the Strathfield High School. Her son Theo and daughter Pauline (Andrews) and grandson Nicholas were with us as we laid her to rest in the Northern Suburbs Cemetery in the sure hope of the resurrection morning.

R. D. Trim.

TUYAU. Jean Edwin Tuyau was born in Mauritius on November 7, 1887, and passed away on July 29, 1985, at the Melbourne home of his daughter Annie and her husband Lewis. This gifted man exerted a strong influence for his faith, and migrated to Australia in 1976. He had travelled much and made a voyage back to Mauritius at ninety-five years of age. Brother Tuyau had a patriarchal influence over his family of eight children, thirty-three grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren. His grandson, Patrick Monty, assisted the writer at the Burwood church. At the Springvale Lawn Cemetery we committed him to the One who comforts us with the assurance of a life that shall endless be.

D. J. Self.

WIELAND. On May 28, 1985, the death occurred at Gypie General Hospital, Queensland, of Mrs Valerie Wieland. Mrs Wieland was born at Queanbeyan, New South Wales, and with her family, moved to Queensland in 1931. They settled in the Tiaro area and later moved to Goombourin. After the death of her husband she moved to Gypie. She was baptised and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the 1940s. Her funeral took place on May 31 at the Gypie Cemetery. She is survived by her daughter Mary, son-in-law Jack, two granddaughters, Elizabeth and Kathleen, a sister Mrs M. Jones, and a brother Mr Charles Winter.

G. E. Coombs.

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Tamworth Adventist Primary School invites your consideration for Christian education for your children in 1986. The school is well established in a rural centre which offers employment possibilities. For further details write to 7 Hilton Street, Tamworth, NSW 2340, or phone (067) 65 6998 or (067) 66 2040 A/H.

TEACHING POSITIONS 1986

Qualified teachers who are interested in full time, part time, or volunteer teaching positions within our church school system in 1986 should apply NOW.

Vacancies usually exist for:

Primary teachers—home unions

Secondary teachers—home unions and mission unions (English, Science, Maths)

Write to Education director, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076, or phone local conference Education director for application forms.

TREES

Low-chill peaches, plums, nectarines, custard apples, mangoes, avocados. Orders taken. Also orchard establishment, management, consulting. Write to Ted McCord, Box 235, Gympie, Qld 4570, or phone (071) 86 7243

VEGETARIAN FREEZER PACKS

Nutritious home-cooked savouries, desserts and cakes, from my freezer to yours. Phone Roslyn Jackson (Party Maker), (03) 726 5149, for price list. Catering also available.

VOLUNTEER NURSES

Volunteers are needed for the Tonga Heart Project sponsored by the Sydney Adventist Hospital in association with ADRA. Experience in cardiothoracic nursing is preferred. Departure is anticipated in March 1986. Information is available from Wendy Parr or Rudi Morgan at Sydney Adventist Hospital, 185 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076. Phone (02) 487 9111.

WA ORCHID SLIDES

If you enjoy admiring God's handiwork, then you will want these slides which have captured the delicate beauty of these wonders of nature—the orchids. The combined expertise of Brian Oemcke, a professional portrait and nature photographer, and Rod Peakall, a botanist specialising in orchid research, gives you a spectacular series of orchid slides that you will not want to miss. Because you are not able to view these slides before purchase, we assure you of a money-back guarantee if not satisfied, if returned within 14 days of purchase date.

Currently five sets are available with twenty slides per set, each with its own information brochure. Labelled Sets A, B, C, D and E, they together attractively present more than 80 different types of Western Australian orchids. Each set covers a section of these, revealing a variety of colours and forms.

Shortly a script will be available for those desiring to use these slides in a church program. Cost will be \$3.

Cost per set \$17. Complete series (5 sets) \$80 (a saving of \$5). Packing and postage: Aust \$1.50, NZ \$2.00. Send cheque or postal order to: Driftwood Photos, PO Box 328, Northam, WA 6401. Phone (096) 22 3386.

WEEK OF PRAYER TAPES

If you would like to continue to enjoy the blessings of the Week of Prayer readings for this year, they are available on tape. The eight messages for adults are on two cassettes for \$US6, and six messages for children on a single tape costing \$US4. Send payment, adding extra for postage, with order to: Week of Prayer Tapes, Ministry Services, PO Box 217, Burtonsville, MD 20866, USA.

WAYBACK—A CELEBRATION

We're not actually planning an Oktoberfest for Warburton for the weekend of October 25 to 27, but we feel sure it will prove to be a feast of good things for the many people we hope will be in attendance. Be early in your thinking and planning for this Centenary commemoration with a difference. Watch for further news bulletins, and address all inquiries to Wayback Committee, PO Box 156, Warburton, Vic 3799.

YOUR FAVOURITE HYMNS RECORDED

Recorded on cassette with organ or piano. Suitable for family worship and church services where organists are not available. Also accompaniments for singers for practice or performance. Romney King, 16 Sweetland Road, Mooroolbark, Vic 3138. Phone (03) 726 6631.



Hi! Sorry there was no Flashpoint last week because of our Week of Prayer issue. So belatedly we this week record the conclusion of the Division session, and the TTUC session and related appointments.

PASTOR DAVID LAWSON has been appointed president of the South Queensland Conference, replacing Pastor Harold Harker, whose appointment is listed below. Pastor Lawson has been Ministerial Secretary for the Northern European Division for the past decade, and I'm sure will be warmly welcomed back to his home state.

ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTRE manager is N. E. Devenish, who has been promotions officer at the centre. The former manager, Pastor D. J. Silver, has retired.

DIRECTOR OF THE HOME STUDY INSTITUTE is A. C. Reye, who is assistant Education director at the Division.

A NEW RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR was necessitated by the retirement of Cec Powell. R. E. Smith has been appointed to this position; he had been assisting for the past few months.

ESDA SALES AND SERVICE also have a new manager and accountant in the person of W. J. Ackland, replacing Daph Bell, who is retiring.

TRANS-TASMAN UNION CONFERENCE SESSION APPOINTMENTS: President: H. G. Harker; Secretary: R. A. Evans; Church Ministries director: M. J. Allen; Associates: N. K. Peatey, A. R. Craig; Ministerial Association secretary: A. R. Craig; Communication: T. L. Butler; Education: L. D. Devine; Health and Temperance: T. L. Butler; Publishing: B. C. Campbell; Public Affairs and Religious Liberty: H. G. Harker. Executive Committee: All officers of the Union, or those appointed as replacements by the executive committee while some members are on leave. Presidents of local conferences; medical director of Auckland Adventist Hospital; principal of Longburn

College. Elected Members: Kelvin Bailey, E. W. Grosser, Mrs M. Fook, Cliff Morgan, Miss Lucille Lees, Mr P. Sparavec, Mr W. Ashby, Mr J. Ryan Sr, Mr David Hagen, Mrs G. Wendleborn, Mr V. Dodds, Pastor H. G. Halliday, Pastor L. J. Laws.

OUR DIVISION and three of its five unions have had their best years from baptisms in the latter part of the quinquennium. For the CPUM 1983 was its best year, with 1,909 baptisms. Nineteen eighty-four was the best year for both PNGUM with 7,137 and the TTUC with 1,388 respectively. In the WPUM 1979 saw the highest number of baptisms with 1,198, but 1984 was only sixty-five behind, with 1,133. For the Division as a whole, 1984 was our record year, with a total of 11,732 baptisms, compared with 10,462 the previous year. The total for the five-year period for our Division was 48,323.

IN THE YEAR 1885, our total missions offerings amounted to £2.16.3, contributed by the forty-seven members of our one and only Sabbath school in Australia! In 1984 we had 182,846 members in 2,221 Sabbath schools, who contributed \$2,467,297 to missions offerings that year—almost twice the amount of \$1,494,016 contributed in 1975 and five times the amount of £216,315 contributed in 1965.

A SIGNIFICANT STEP taken at the session is that the number of lay persons on the executive committee has been doubled. The ten lay members elected to serve during the ensuing quinquennium are: Mrs R. Marks, NSW; Mrs M. Reid, Tasmania; S. Latu, Tonga; Mrs L. B. Ah Koy, Fiji; Mrs J. Jones, New Zealand; L. H. McMahon, Victoria; D. P. Goodin, Queensland; J. H. Rutana, PNG; R. J. Atkin, Greater Sydney; and B. F. Joe, Western Pacific. Every one of the eleven conferences in the home unions is now represented on the committee by either a denominational employee or a lay person.

THERE ARE in the region of 3,000 Aborigines in Australia who are known to claim to be Seventh-day Adventists.

A SIGNIFICANT development in our Division in recent years has been the expansion of work among the ethnic communities in Australia. New ethnic groups formed during the past five years include Asian, Cambodian, Fijian, Finnish, Greek, Hispanic, Italian, Latin American, Portuguese and Samoan. In addition to these we have work among the Chinese, Hungarian, Polish, Russian and Yugoslav communities. We have a total of 2,751 members in all various ethnic communities.

THE TRANS-AUSTRALIAN Union has just launched a Bible Correspondence Course for Yugoslavs in the city of Melbourne, and the first applications are beginning to come in.

IT TOOK our Division eighty-seven years to reach 100,000 members, this total having been achieved in 1972. In the twelve years following that date, our membership has risen to 170,413. If the present rate of increase is maintained, we will reach our second 100,000 in 1989, or just seventeen years. We have added the equivalent of a church of 185 members each week throughout the five-year period.

IN 1951, 72 per cent of our church membership resided in Australia and New Zealand, with only 28 per cent in our Pacific mission territory. Today, thirty-three years later, the position has just about been reversed, with 70 per cent in the mission territory and 30 per cent in the home base.

THESE TIMES viewings: September 22, God Slot—3; September 29, God Slot—4; October 6, God Slot—5; October 13, Fings Are What They Used to Be.

STOP PRESS: From the TAUC session meeting at Howqua, the new president of the Trans-Australian Union Conference is Pastor Desmond Hills, formerly president of the North New Zealand Conference.

"FINALLY, BRETHREN . . .": Sometimes the church that is praying for showers of blessing only needs a thaw.